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OUTLINES.

The North Carolina Society, of New York City, gave a brilliant banquet at Hotel Astor last night, attended by 500 members and guests of the society, who listened to a stirring address by President-elect Taft, on the South's problems——In the Federal Suit to dissolve the Standard Oil Co., John D. Archbold resumed the stand yesterday for a brief examination and Henry Tilford, president of the Standard Company, of California, testified at length——Due to illness of two members of the night rider grand jury making it necessary to obtain other jurors, all the testimony on which the former indictments were based may have to be repeated before new ones can be returned——The Government dyke on the Arkansas river at Pine Bluff, Ark., gave away last night and many persons in the east end of the city are moving their houses or demolishing them to save the lumber. Already five dwelling and a warehouse have been swept away and the entire eastern section is in danger——A sensation was created in the trial of Chas. E. Davis, for the murder of Dr. Frederick T. Rustin, when Mrs. Emily Allen testified that she saw Mrs. Abbie Rice on the street at 4 o'clock in the morning, a time which the latter and several witnesses for the prosecution said she was at home——The Sixtieth Congress met in its second session yesterday. Both houses were in session only a short while, adjourning out of respect to the memory of members who had died since the last session——Mrs. Florence Maybrick and her mother recover judgment in the Virginia courts for 500,000 acres of land——The steamship Valentia, Wilmington for Bremen, picks up the steamship Oriflamme, an oil steamer, disabled and carries her into Halifax, N. S.——The Southern Industrial Congress met in Washington yesterday ——New York markets: Money on call easy 2 to 2 1-2 per cent., ruling rate 2 1-2, closing bid 2 1-4, offered at 2 1-2. Flour steady. Wheat easy, No. 2, 1.10 1-2 to 1.12 elevator. Corn steady, No. 2, 69 1-2 to 70 elevator. Oats steady, mixed 54 1-2 to 55. Rosin steady. Turpentine quiet. Cotton quiet, middling uplands 9.35, middling gulf 9.60.

Uncle Joe is in the saddle again for two months at least—and we expect for two years more.

Which one of the two do you think won the prize in that cross-examination contest between the two John D's?

If the people don't know what they want on tariff how should they expect their Representatives in Congress to know?

It seems to be a case of rivalry between Wake and Durham counties as to which can have the most murders without anybody being hanged.

News of the burning of the old Malvern Hill residence will bring to the mind's eye of many a Civil War veteran vivid pictures of the bloody conflicts which took place in that locality.

A man in Texas predicts the end of the world will come in thirty days. If he be correct in his prognostication Uncle Joe Cannon may be saved a great disappointment.

Those who have kept up with the testimony and arguments on the tariff questions before the House Ways and eMans Committee can hardly blame the members for being at sea on the subject.

We are told that Mr. Bryan will not be a candidate four years hence. But that gentleman says he is still in the fight. Who knows better, he or the newspaper men who assume to speak for him?

If Democrats are going to stand for low tariff as a principle of political economy they should stop asking for exception to be made in favor of every industry in which each one of them is financially interested.

If Cannon finds he has backers enough to elect him Speaker do you suppose he will advise those same backers to so change the rules of the House as to deprive him of his absolute power under the present ones?

Those who think that because of the extra session of the Legislature last winter there will be little business for that body at the coming session are going to find themselves greatly disappointed. Wait and see.

Whether right or wrong Dr. Styles has stirred up the Tar Heels and taken their minds of the question as to what was the cause of Bryan's defeat when he had the majority vote in his vest pocket the day before the election.

The News and Observer editor pleads an alibi on the transfer of Surry county to the Fifth district, which resulted in the loss of a Democratic Congressman in this State. Who expected him to father the action after contemplating the sad result?

COUNTY FISCAL YEAR

Board of Commissioners Re-Organized and Officers Renewed Their Bonds.

FEW CHANGES ARE MADE

Mr. D. McEachern Re-elected Chairman—Mr. J. P. Montgomery, New Member, Qualifies—Business Transacted.

With the meeting of the retiring body and the organization of the newly elected Board of County Commissioners yesterday afternoon, the new fiscal year began most auspiciously, all officers having been sworn in, their bonds renewed and much business transacted incident to the annual meeting.

The old Board first met with Chairman D. McEachern and Commissioners Vollers and Divine in attendance. The minutes of the preceding meetings having been read and approved, the chairman tendered his annual report which was referred to the Auditing Committee with instruction to have the same published.

The old Board then adjourned sine die and the newly elected Board was sworn in by Colonel John D. Taylor, Clerk of the Superior Court, the only change being the seating of Mr. J. P. Montgomery, who was elected to succeed Mr. W. F. Alexander, who declined re-election. The Board organized by the re-election of Commissioner D. McEachern as chairman and Register of Deeds John Haar clerk, ex-officio.

All county officers then came in, were sworn and gave their bonds as follows:

W. B. Savage, constable of Wilmington township, $1,000, with W. E. Springer as surety.

Geo. R. Smith, constable Harnett township, $1,000 with J. B. Fales, J. A. Nixon and B. B. Humphrey as sureties.

C. D. Bell, coroner, $2,000 with Sol. Sternberger, Jr., and Julius Sternberger sureties.

H. McL. Green, treasurer, in the sum of $60,000 for the county school fund with H. C. McQueen, Matt J. Heyer and J. V. Grainger as sureties; for road fund, $100,000 with H. C. McQueen, Matt J. Heyer, W. B. Cooper, C. E. Taylor, Jr. and J. V. Grainger as sureties; $50,000 for general funds with H. C. McQueen, M. J. Corbett and J. V. Grainger as sureties.

S. P. Cowan, sheriff, $45,000 for public taxes with M. J. Heyer, J. A. Taylor, M. Rosenman and J. H. Rehder as sureties; $50,000 for county poor, school and special tax fund, same sureties; $5,000 process bond, same sureties.

John Haar, Register of Deeds, $10,000 with C. F. VonKampen, E. P. H. Strunck, Jurgen Haar, J. G. L. Gieschen and J. W. Duls as sureties.

Request of C. R. Kriner for $20 and $5 per month hereafter as spiritual adviser at the County Home, was referred to the committee.

A large number of applications for tax corrections and exemptions were heard, some were granted and others declined.

Mr. A. P. Gilbert, of the Kelley Springfield Road Roller Co., addressed the Board and the matter of the purchase of a new machine was referred to the Road Committee.

The chairman reported that he would announce the appointment of standing committees later.

During the month the Superintendent of Health reported 10 cases of diphtheria, 7 of typhoid and five of pneumonia; no acute sickness in any of the county institutions. May Ballard, colored, an inmate of the Home, died of paralysis during the month; 99 patients were treated in the office and 22 at their homes during the month. A communication from property owners immediately across Smith's Creek bridge on the Castle Haynes road, protesting against a slaughter pen of Messrs. Hopkins & Davis in the neighborhood, was referred to the County Sanitary Board, a meeting of which is called for Thursday of this week.

Road Superintendent Hocutt reported 68 cars of rock used on Masonboro road and 8 cars furnished to City of Wilmington; built and completed three quarters of a mile of Masonboro road and graded one mile of same. Force consists of 24 convicts and 14 carts. Considerable repair work being done on Castle Haynes road. Three days were lost during the month by the entire force of 88 convicts and 112 days were lost on account of sickness.

The Register of Deeds reported 386 marriage license issued during the fiscal year and payment of $386 as revenue therefrom.

The Clerk of the Superior Court reported $95.75 in fines and forfeitures since last report and his annual report of funds in his keeping, the latter having been referred to the Finance Committee.

Bellamy & Bellamy, county attorneys, reported $183.60 net back tax collections during the month.

Superintendent Hardee, of the County Home, reported nine white and 10 colored patients in the Home, four white and 20 colored convicts.

The annual reports of the treasurer and the sheriff as to schedule B and

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ELKS' FITTING MEMORIAL

Pretty and Impressive Service Sunday Afternoon in Academy of Music by Wilmington Lodge No. 532, B. P. O. E.

Altogether beautiful and most befitting memorial services were held Sunday afternoon in the Academy of Music by Wilmington Lodge No. 532, B .P. O. E., in honor of those members of the order who have gone before. The attendance was unusually large and the exercises as arranged were carried out most beautifully.

The address by Louis Goodman, Esq., a talented young member of the Wilmington bar, was one of the best ever heard here upon a similar occasion, dealing largely with the beautiful tenets of the brotherhood and closing with an admirable quotation of "Thanatopsis." Mr. Goodman was listened to with rare interest and pleasure by the large and thoroughly appreciative audience. In the absence of Capt. Wm. F. Robertson, who was unexpectedly called out of the city, the orator of the afternoon was pleasingly introduced by the Rev. Dr. Jas. Carmichael, chaplain of the lodge, who asked the Rev. Dr. Mendelsohn, rabbi of the Temple of Israel, to conduct the opening devotional exercises.

The stage was beautifully set with palms and plants by Rehder, the florist, and the special quartette engaged for the service rendered delightful vocal music, which was supplemented by instrumental selections by Hollowbush's Academy Orchestra. A touching feature of the service was the release of a dove from beneath a bower of evergrens and flowers as each of the names of the "absent brothers" was tenderly called thrice by Secretary H. M. Croswell and there was no answer, the birds ascending in their flight to the proscenium of the theatre, typing the flown spirits of those whom the lodge would do honor. Members of the order assembled at their Temple, on North Front street, and attended the services in a body, occupying seats to the front of the theatre.

Exalted Ruler J. F. Leitner was master of the ceremonies and the officers who took part in the lodge ceremonial performed their duties with rare feeling and ability. The annual collection for charity was received and it is good to know that a substantial amount was received. The service was one of the prettiest held in Wilmington in several years.

IN SUPERIOR COURT

One Week Term For Trial of Civil Actions Convenes.

Superior Court for a one-week term convened yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, Judge C. C. Lyon presiding. A number of minor cases were taken up during the day, but none of public interest. Of the jurors summoned for the week Messrs. Frank Meier, F. B. Crowson, Wm. Gilchrist and J. N. Jacobi were excused for satisfactory reasons.

The first case on the docket was that of Julia Austin and others against C. D. Gore, involving a small piece of property in the city and which was set for the first day of the term. On account of the engagement of Mr. Marsden Bellamy as county attorney, he being one of counsel in the case, the suit was placed at foot of the calendar for the day and will be later reached during the week in its order.

Judgment for divorce was given William Judge against Martha Judge and the case of Joseph Outlaw against the Creveling VanDyck Co., for personal injuries, was continued for the defendant. All the afternoon was taken up with the trial of a suit brought to recover debt, J. A. Taylor against A. P. Thomas. The jury empanelled just before the dinner recess is composed of Messrs. E. S. McGowan, O. F. Corbett, J. MacRae Hatch, A. H. Weedon, A. L. Dosher, A. T. Pendergraft, L. O. Ellis, C. D. Sykes, C. R. Mason, J. O. Brown, D. McK. Johnson and M. H. Penny. The case was still in hearing when court took a recess for the day at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

ROBBED OF $400.

Wake County Merchant Held Up Near Raleigh Last Night.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 7.—T. B. Holt, a prominnt merchant of Holly Springs, was held up and robbed of $400 this evening in a lonely section of the road, four miles from Raleigh, by two highwaymen, a negro and a white man. The negro stopped his horse and the white man presented his revolver and ordered "money or your life." Holt gave up an envelope containing $400 that he carried in his coat pocket and the highwaymen went off with this without searching him further. They left his hip pocket book, which contained $100 cash and a quantity of checks.

Holt came on to Raleigh and reported the robbery, but says he cannot identify the highwaymen, as they were well disguised and masked.

Sheriff's Deputies Reappointed.

The terms of all deputies by his appointment having expired with his first term yesterday, Sheriff Cowan has re-appointed the following: Office Deputies Jas. H. Taylor, Jr., and T. O. Bunting; field deputies, W. H. Cox, H. Hocutt, John M. Branch, H. W. Howe and E. S. Piver. Others will be appointed or re-appointed as their need may appear during the year.

BRING GOOD PREMIUM

Sale of $400,000 City Waterworks and Sewerage Bonds Effected Here Yesterday.

AWARDED NEW YORK HOUSE

Securities Command Premium of $13,272 on Four and Half Per Cent. Basis—Local Institution Strong in the aMrket.

Among eight competitors for the issue, N. W. Harris & Co., of New York, were the successful bidders for the $400,000 city waterworks and sewerage bonds, proposals for the sale of which were opened yesterday noon by the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen, the securities having been floated at the substantial premium of $103.318 and accrued interest from October 1st to date of delivery.

The sale of the bonds at this substantial figure over $96 at which the sale was all but consummated only a few weeks ago, is very gratifying and means that negotiations will at once be opened with the Clarendon Waterworks Co., to ascertain if the established plant can be purchased at an equitable figure, and that arrangements will also be made toward providing the city with an up-to-date sanitary sewerage system, either using the present plant as a nucleus, if the same is purchased, or the laying of an entirely new system.

Nearly all the bidders were represented in person and the competition was quite lively. Among the bidders were the Southern National Bank and the Murchison National Bank, of this city, the bid of the former having been one of the highest and most satisfactory of those presented. The bid expressed confidence in the present and future prosperity of the city and entire satisfaction as to the validity of the bonds. The sale at the price named yesterday nets about $29,000 more than the former proposed sale to Seasongood & Mayer, just before the election ,and shows that those who objected to a sale at that time planned even more wisely than they knew. Being for a longer term, 40 instead of 25 years, the city securities sold a little higher than the $50,000 issue of county road bonds recently. Among the personal representatives of the buyers present at the opening of the bonds were Messrs. George C. Hannahs, of N. W. Harris & Co.; William S Glenn, president of the Security Trust Co., Spartanburg, S. C.; J. Gist Search, of Trowbridge & Niver Co., Chicago; Theo. M. Kerhoff, of MacDonald, McCoy & Co., Chicago; Harry E. Weil, of Weil, Roth & Co., Cincinnati, and R. L. Forrest, of R. L. Forrest & Co., Philadelphia; Chas. N. Evans, cashier of the Southern National Bank, Wilmington, and Messrs. H. C. McQueen, president, and Mr. J. V. Grainger, vice president, of the Murchison National Bank, Wilmington.

The bids were opened by the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen, composed of Chairman C. P. Bolles and Messrs. Ellis and O'Brien. There were also present Alderman T. W. Wood, Alderman R. H. Northrop and City Attorney Marsden Bellamy, Jr. A record of the proceedings was kept by City Clerk and Treasurer John J. Fowler. Chairman Bolles, of the Finance Committee, first made a statement as to the sale of the bonds and all bidders having acquiesced, the proposals were opened as follows:

N. W. Harris & Co., New York, $103.-318 and accrued interest, which figures a premium of $13,272 on the entire issue. No bond blanks furnished.

McDonald, McCoy & Co., Chicago, par, accrued interest and $5,209 premium and blanks, attorneys having already given preliminary opinion that bonds are lepal.

Forrest & Co., Philadelphia, $102.679 and accrued interest, the proceeds as may be required by the city to make payment of the award on the arbitration for the property of the Wilmington Sewerage Co., in pursuance of that company's written proposal to the city, and to pay the price the city may agree to pay the Clarendon Waterworks Co., for its property and also any extensions and improvements to the property acquired. Conditions declined by committee.

Security Trust Co., Spartanburg, S. C., par, accrued interest and a premium of $5,480 and furnish blanks.

Trowbridge & Niver Co., Farsons Sons & Co., Thos. J. Bolger & Co., Chicago, par, accrued interest and a premium of $7,065 with blanks. For 5 per cent. bonds, par, accrued interest and premium of $28,000.

Weil, Roth & Co., Cincinnati, par, accrued interest and $8,300 premium, no blanks.

Murchison National Bank, Wilmington, par and accrued interest for half or $200,000 of the issue.

Southern National Bank, Wilmington, par, accrued interest and premium of $5,325 and blanks, payment to be made all upon delivery or at option of city, $200,000 January 1st, 1909, second $100,000 March 1st, 1909 and third $100,000 on April 1st 1909. The bidder agrees to furnish free of charge the blank bonds and calls attention to the saving in delivery of bonds and in interest, if deferred deliveries are preferred, all of which should, of course, be computed as premium.

All the bids were on a basis of 4 1-2 per cent. except where noted otherwise, bonds to be dated Oct. 1st, 1908, and to run for 40 years, without option of prior payment, interest payable semi-annually, practically all of them in New York or Chicago.

After the bids were opened, the committee went into executive session with the Mayor and after about an hour, came out and announced that the award would be recommended to N. W. Harris & Co., the highest bidders. The cost of Wilmington and New York delivery and the engraving of the bonds was calculated and the New York house was declared the highest in any aspect of the case. The exceedingly liberal terms afforded by the Southern National Bank ran its bid up to something over $8,000 premium and it was regretted that the local institution could not have been successful. The influence of its bid, however, is bound to have a salutary effect on future bond sales by the county and municipality.

SERVICES AT ST. THOMAS

Solemn Ceremonies Incident to Forty Hours' Adoration Participated in by Bishop and Many Visiting Priests.

The services of the Forty Hours' Adoration on Sunday at St. Thomas' Catholic church were carried out with all the richness of the Roman rite. High Mass was celebrated with Father Hannon as celebrant; Father Marrion, deacon, and Father J. Gallagher, subdeason. It was a touching and impressive sight to see the little girls in the procession which took place after Mass. It recalled to mind the street scenes of Europe, where Catholic pageants are of such common occurrence. They were decked out with white wreathes of flowers and flowing veils resembling the old country scenes of the "May Queen." All were impressed of the importance which the church places on the young taking part in the religious ceremonial.

Bishop Haid preached at the morning and evening services. The discourse in the evening was of the most practical heard here in years. It was on the platform of our common Christianity and all his auditors could well apply some of its lessons to themselves. At the morning services large numbers approached for Holy Communion. On Monday evening the Bishop also sustained the interest of the congregation by his elegant sermon.

At the evening sermon the Rev. Father Kunnecke, chaplain of the garrison at Fort Caswell ,assisted by Fathers Marrion, Hannon and Gallagher conducted the benediction after the sermon.

Today after Solemn High Mass the Bishop will impart the Sacrament of Confirmation to a class of adults including some converts. The concluding services will take place this evening at 8 o'clock, when Bishop Haid will again preach after which the Litany will be chanted and the devotion of the 40 hours conclude with Solemn Benediction.

J. J. KNOX SHERIFF

Elected to Succeed Late Jackson Stanland in Brunswick County.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Southport, N. C., Dec. 7.—The County Commissioners in session here today elected J. J. Knox, of Town Creek, to fill the term of Sheriff Jackson Stanland, deceased, and Asa Dosher, of Southport, was appointed by R. S. Newton, Clerk of the Superior Court, to fill the vacancy on the Board of County Commissioners by the resignation of Mr. Knox. The Commissioners organized and one of their first acts was to ask the Governor for a special term of court for the trial of J. P. Walker, the alleged murderer of Sheriff Stanland, the regular term not coming until March. Mr. Dosher, the new Commissioner, was formerly Deputy Register of Deeds and is well qualified for the position. The election of Mr. Knox as sheriff will give very general satisfaction.

Howard Relief Company.

The Howard Relief Company last night elected the following officers for the ensuing term: President J. G. L. Gieschen, Vice President J. W. H. Fuchs, Secretary and Treasurer E. Schulken, Marshals H. T. Duls, J. D. Dosher, Jr., and H. L. Vollers, Guard Martin Brunjes. A committee was appointed to arrange the annual New Year ball and arrangements were made for the installation of the officers the first meeting in January.

Rivers and Harbors Congress.

President Jas. H. Chadbourn left last evening and Secretary Meares Harriss and other Wilmington delegates to the National Rivers and Harbors Congress in Washington this week, will leave this evening for that great meeting. President Chadbourn and the vice presidents from this State will be the guests at dinner of Hon. John E. Ransdell in Washington this evening.

Fire Near Chadbourn, N. C.

The barn and stables of C. R. Leonhart, 2 1-2 miles east of Chadbourn, were destroyed by fire Saturday evening about 6 o'clock. Mr. Leonhart had just finished housing his Winter's feed and did not have enough left to feed over Sunday. The barn was one of the best in that section and the loss is about $1,000 with small insurance.

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Board of Aldermen and Board of Audit and Finance Both in Session.

BOND SALE IS APPROVED

Large Number of Matters Before the Council Last Night—Reports From All Departments—Lease of Opera House.

Both the Board of Aldermen and Board of Audit and Finance were in session in their respective council chambers last night, the sale of the bonds as recommended by the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen being affirmed and numerous other matters of interest and importance being taken up by the legislative branch of the co-ordinate boards.

The Board of Aldermen was called to order shortly after 8 o'clock with all members in attendance except Mr. Karr, who was unavoidably detained. Minutes of previous meetings were read and approved. A report of the Finance Committee on the bond matter was first taken up as a special order and the recommendation that the contract be awarded to N. W. Harris & Co., of New York, was unanimously adopted, a report of the opening of the proposals being published elsewhere in today's paper. The action was upon motion of Mr. French, who took occasion to highly compliment the Southern National Bank for the spirit of progressiveness and its faith in the city as evidenced by its bid on these securities.

The action of the Aldermen in appropriating $10,000 for the drainage of Macomber's ditch at its meeting on October 7th, was rescinded at the suggestion of Chairman Ellis, who read a substitute proposition, instructing the Streets and Wharves Committee to open 14th street and secure from abutting owners on both sides of the street the necessary releases, etc. The substitute proposition, also carrying a $10,000 appropriation, was unanimously adopted.

Chairman Bolles, of the Finance Committee, reported for the present that there was no need of the proposed block book.

Alderman French reported for the Wilmington delegation to the recent Carolina Municipal Convention at Charlotte and introduced a resolution commending the work of the Association and carrying an appropriation of $75 for the city's annual membership in the organization. Mayor Springer also commended the work of the Association and cited concrete examples of how the Association would redown to the benefit of the municipalities of the State. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Chairman Ellis, of the Sanitary Committee, reported the laying of 1,987 feet of drainage in the eastern part of the city from Castle to Grace streets and the opening of numerous ditches. He reported further in regard to the Fifth Ward drainage and said the pipe furnished to replace defective material on this work was not worth putting under ground; that in the opinion of some, it was not as good as that first put down. Alderman Northrop made the point that the City Engineer should be called on to inspect the material first and then take the matter up with the contractor. This was the disposition finally made of the matter, the committee being instructed to secure the inspection of the pipe by Capt. Walter G. MacRae and upon his passing the material, to proceed with the laying of same.

Chairman Rathjen, of the Market Committee, reported the renting of the hall over the Fourth street fish and huckster market to S. T. Lee, of the Gospel Missions, at $100 per year. The tinning of the shed at Front street market has begun and will be completed in about ten days. The report was unanimously adopted.

Chairman Northrop reported the city lighting as very satisfactory.

Chairman French reported for the Streets and Wharves Committee, the completion of Fourth, Fifth and Sixth street bridges and some of the lumber used in repairing the docks of the city. The dilapidated condition of the fences at Third and Hanover streets was discussed at length and the Mayor stated the committee would do what is possible to remedy conditions.

Chairman Wood, of the Waterworks Committee, said that in view of the bond sale, he would get to work at once and if a water plant cannot be found for sale, the committee could give the city a new system. Alderman French suggested that in negotiating for the purchase of the waterworks plant, the committee be empowered to employ an expert accountant to assist the members in their investigations. The suggestion was embraced in the form of a resolution and unanimously carried, after the method of proceeding with the negotiations was discussed at length, the committee to wait upon the Clarendon Waterworks Company and ascertain if the company is still ready to sell and, if so, at what price.

Chairman Jewell, of the Public Building Committee, reported that he had gone over the opera house with Secretary Boatwright, of the Local Board of Underwriters, who had rec-

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THE SOUTH AND TARIFF REFORM

For a while after the Ways and Means Committee of the House first began its hearings on the question of tariff revision there was complaint that the representatives of interests desiring revision of the laws on this subject were slow in coming forward and expressing their views and arguing their claims before the committee. It seems, though that of late the Southern Democracy has made a stampede to Washington and to the Ways and Means Committee room in order to get their individual and selfish views on the question applicable to the different industries in the South. And it seems further that all of the Southern Democrats who have spoken before the committee either advocate no change in the present high tariff rates applicable to the article of commerce or manufacture in which they are interested or desire that the present rates be increased. The South had its inning before the committee last week, and a remarkable showing it made considering it is supposed to be in favor of low tariff.

Congressman Clark, of Florida asked for a higher duty on sea island cotton, telling the committee that he was nominated and elected on a pledge to secure such duty if possible.

In his argument Mr. Clark embodied two resolutions or memorials from Democratic legislatures of Florida declaring in favor of an import duty of 50 per cent. ad valorem and five cents per pound on long staple cotton imported into the United States and ten cents per pound on all Egyptian cotton imported. And yet Mr. Clark would tell you that he favored tariff reduction, on general principles as of benefit to the farmer and the laborer of his district, State and section of the country.

Congressman Lamar, of Florida, also asked for greater protection on the sea island cotton, saying "If there is anything in the Denver platform which is against Florida I am against that platform."

On the lumber question Mr. J. A. Brown, of Columbus county, well known to many readers of the Star, spoke before the committee on the question of high tariff on lumber in which he said in part:

"On the question of protection I take the broad stand that if the brick and tile and steel and cement are protected, as they are from 30 to 60 per cent., the companion article—lumber—entering into the very same building, should also be protected under the general principle of protection. I do not know why lumber should be singled out and the duty on that placed at 10 per cent, when the companion article of cement is protected at 32 per cent. I do not know why lumber should be protected only 10 per cent. when grain in the West is protected 20 to 25 per cent., when it enters into our cost of production. I take the stand that if this country is to have a settled policy of protection, and we are going to have a protective tariff, I do not understand why the lumberman should not enjoy a protective tariff as well as the steel manufacturer."

And then the peanut men of the States of North Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee want their interests protected. The Democrats in the South, who own land on which barytes deposits exist want their heavy-weight dirt protected. And so it goes all down the list, and where, in the name of party fealty, comes in the Democratic principle of equal rights to all and special privileges to none?

If the Democratic party really favors tariff reform, reduction of the present high rates as a means of destroying special privileges to a few and giving equal chances to all then let's all stand on that principle regardless of personal interests. But if the party is not going to stand for that principle then let's strike that plank out of the platform. Let's be honest with ourselves at least.

THE THROUGH RAILWAY LINE TO CUBA.

Edward S. Luther, writing from New York, gives a most interesting account of the wonderful railroad Henry M. Flagler is building as an extension of his East Coast Florida railroad from Miami to Key West, connecting the North American continent with the chief island of the Greater Antilles. As he says, in the course of a few months a person may enter a passenger coach in New York and not leave it until he is landed in the city of Havana. The Cuban sugar planter can load the product of his plantation on a freight car on a side track on his plantation and not have bulk broken until the car reaches the refineries on Long Island. And a most wonderful piece of railroad Mr. Flagler's engineers are building. It is truely a railroad over sea, for a long part of the line the trains will traverse miles of track with no land, but nothing but the open sea, in sight. We will quote Mr. Luther's own words to show what a stupendous work this is which Mr. Flagler has undertaken and is pushing to successful termination:

"Already the line is completed and trains are running for eighty-four miles south of Miami, right down to Knight's Key. Work also is being pushed forward from Key West up, and over forty miles of road-bed has been constructed by the gangs that are working northward to meet the other workmen, who rapidly are moving south. This means that 124 miles has been completed out of the 156 miles of road surveyed from Miami to Key West. The greatest of all the engineering feats on this wonderful line, however, is yet to be completed. This is the eleven mile gap from Knight's Key to Bahia Honda, where the line is being carried over the open ocean on concrete arches.

"There effect of the great extension on traffic to Havana, however, already has been felt because now the steamers for Havana meet the trains at Knight's Key and take passengers and freight from that point to the Cuban capital, instead of eighty-four miles north at Miami. When the line is completed to Key West huge railroad car floats will take entire trains across the Florida Straits to Havana a distance of ninety miles, without compelling passengers to leave their car seats or sleeping car berths, and without the necessity of breaking bulk on a single consignment of freight. This will mean that the Cuban sugar planter will be enabled to load his product on a freight car side-tracked at his plantation, have the car hauled by rail to Havana, floated to Key West and then re-hauled to New York or any other point without any of the expense, trouble, damage or dangers of a second handling.

"This great project, which is being financed, from beginning to end, by Mr. Flagler personally, generally is regarded by engineers as the most expensive stretch of railroad ever built, the average cost of construction, from end to end, exceeding $100,000 per mile, while the additional capital requirements for docks, channeling, car floats and equipment will bring the total cost approximately to $30,000,000. Already Mr. Flagler has expended upwards of $15,000,000 on the work."

If the Democratic party is for tariff reform in the way of reduced rates why don't the Democrats as individuals stand by that principle? We have no patience with the man who on the stump advocates tariff reduction as a "political measure" and then runs to Washington, to urge as a "commercial proposition" high tariff on the schedules affecting his personal interests.

With the Republican party pledged to high tariff and Democrats individually asking for the same on articles they are personally interested in, how can it be expected that the party in power will revise the tariff along lines demanded by the Democratic National party in its convention platform?

A writer in Outlook says the best way to improve farm life is the introduction of more automobiles. No man who takes a stroll on our macadam roads on a pleasant Sunday afternoon will agree with him. He finds it one continual dodge in and out to avoid being run over.

The News and Observer remarks that the "Payne tariff bill will give no pain to any trust." The way Southern Democrats are crowding the Ways and Means Committee asking for retention or increase of the Dingley bill rates it looks like it will cause them no pain either.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—"Uncle Joe" Cannon will be re-elected Speaker of the House, though he has had a little scare, both in his district and by reports from Judge Taft ,and has promised to be good.—Scottish Chief.

—From the fact that Secretary of Commerce and Labor Garfield made no mention in his annual report of the numerous peonage prosecutions instituted in the South by his department we infer that he is not particularly proud of them.—Charlotte Observer.

—The South is not afraid of negro domination, that bogie has long since disappeared, but the South does stand in mortal dread of a division among the Southern whites that would open the way for coalition between unprincipled white men and negroes. Were the 110,000 white Democrats in this State to separate into hostile camps the demagagues and corruptionists of both would appeal to the 25,000 qualified negro voters with a resulting demoralization that is sickening to contemplate.—News and Observer.

—The Montgomery Advertiser speaks of Georgia as Mr. John Temple Graves' "native State." Mr. Graves we believe, claims one of the Carolinas as the State of his nativity, just which appears to be in doubt, owing to the backwardness of each to claim the distinction. Since Andrew Jackson's birth on North Carolina soil was so close to the line, however, as to give South Carolina some sort of claim to him, there has been a decided disinclination in each of those States to allow any celebrity to be born in the other. Singularly enough, therefore, there is no disputation of any sort, bitter or otherwise, over the origination of Mr. Graves.—Chattanooga Times.

—Said Mayor McClellan in telling the New York commandery of the Loyal Legion what he thinks afflicts the country most at present: "This passion of trying to cure all the political, economic, social, moral and physical ills of humanity by legislation would be as absurd as it is futile were it not that it gives direct encouragement to the forces of lawlessness and disorder. If a majority of the American people ever is convinced that the millennium can be achieved by legislation, anarchy under its favorite alias of socialism will seize its opportunity. The hope of the nation in the innate spirit of conservatism which is bred in the bone of the American people." And was Mayor McClellan far wrong in anything he said?—Charlotte Observer.

TWINKLINGS.

—Madge—Miss Avoirdupois is taking horseback riding. Has she got off any fat? Dolly—Yes; off the horse.—Lippincott's.

—"I stopped at the bank and got a check book this morning." "Are you going to open a bank account?" "Yes my husband's."—Houston Post.

—"Ysobel, do you think you could learn to love me?" "Learn to love you! Oh, Maltravers, I could give lessons in loving you."—Modern Society.

—First Actor—What luck did you have in the town? Second Actor—They threw rotten apples at us every night. First Actor—Well, at any rate, you can feel that your stay there was not an altogether fruitless one.—Harper's Weekly.

—"So you cling to that childish superstition about thirteen being unlucky," said the traveler. "Yes," answered the other. "Can't get away from it." "But see how completely it is disproved. This glorious country started with thirteen colonies." "Very true. But I am an Englishman."—Washington Star.

—The old landlord of a small country inn was sitting listlessly before the fire in the bar parlor when the door opened and a loud-voiced young fellow exclaimed: "Halloa, grandad! Get your frame in circulation! Don't sit around here like an old woman! I want accommodation for man and beast." "Where's the man?" asked the old landlord in a flash.—Tit-iBts.

FOR BIG GUNS

Admiral Mason's Report Calls For Heavier Guns For Our Navy.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 5.—In his annual report made public today Rear Admiral Mason, chief of the bureau of ordnance, declares that the 12-inch guns mounted on the eight lastest of our battleship already in commission are equal or superior in power to any 12-inch guns yet afloat anywhere in the world, and the 12-inch guns of our battleships in course of construction will be equal or superior in power to any 12-nch foreign guns of which we have authentic information.

Anticipating the possible need for a more powerful gun than any now in use, he favors the partial remodeling of the naval gunshop factory at the Washington navy yard in order to construct an immense 14-inch gun destined to fire a 1,400 pound projectile.

Speaking of the satisfactory results of the firing tests on the Monitor Florida last spring the Admiral says it was shown that the mechanism of the turret and the apparatus within it could not be injuriously affected by the greatest shock of impact which the turret armor was capable of withstanding. The experiments also demonstrated that the underhull construction of our latest type battleships is well adapted to resist a torpedo explosion.

WARM WIRELETS.

The North Carolina Midland Railroad operating 55 miles of tracks between Winston-Salem and Mooresville, yesterday declared an annual dividend of 3 per cent. The retiring officers were re-elected.

Gus Olsen, motorman, was fatally injured and about 30 others more or less seriously injured in a head-on collision between two heavily loaded trolley cars in a dense fog on the University Line at Seattle, Wash., yesterday. Both cars were badly damaged and the crews and passengers piled up with the debris.

An appeal has been filed by the Southern Pacific Company, carrying up to the Circuit Court the back tax suits decided recently by Judge Arthur Peter, in the county court. Judge Peter held that the company owed taxes in Kentucky on steamships to the value of $5,111,572, for 1906 and $8,115,643 for 1907.

DIDN'T NEED IT.

Why a Scotch Farmer Refused a Portion of Dessert.

Could the funny sayings and incidents at the tenants' dinners in Scotland be collected they would make an unrivaled book of humor. Mistakes of amusing and sometimes embarrassing nature occur frequently at such functions. One story is told of a guest at a Scottish tenants' dinner who tasted ice cream for the first time on that occasion. He pushed a large spoonful of the frozen mixture into his mouth and jumped from his chair with agony expressed on his face. He let out a yell and cried out. "Ow, ow, ma rotten tooth!" and could not be induced to eat any more.

At another Scottish affair of the kind a good old farmer was seated next to the hostess. She served him a bit of savory omelet, which seemed to cause the old man deep disappointment. His idea of an omelet had always been a dessert with sugar or fruit or jams, and after tasting the sample before him he turned to the hostess and said, "Weel, ma lady, I canna compliment you on your puddin's."

The late Duke of Buccleuch told a story of a tenant at one of the farmers' dinners on his estates who was asked by the duchess if he would take some rhubarb, a dish she was fond of. The farmer was surprised, but answered politely, "I'm muckle obleeged to your grace, but I dinna' need it."

FINDINGS NOT KEEPINGS.

Lost Articles Are Always Crying Out For Their Owners.

When one is on the public thoroughfare or in the street car or train or boat and picks up an object that is valuable, is it his?

True, he may find something which is too small and trifling to warrant searching to find the owner, such as a handkerchief, a pair of gloves, etc. But when he finds something of value it is not his until he has done everything in his power to find the owner.

The street railways and trains are so systematized today that if, when one finds an object of value, he returns it to the company's representative it is almost sure to catch up with its owner. Every person of intelligence knows that the first place to inquire for it is at the lost and found department.

When, however, one is on the street and finds something which, if he lost it himself, he would very much like to have returned, there are the columns of a newspaper in which to advertise.

If he fails to find the owner after this, then he can rightfully call it his own and have a clear conscience, but if he avoids looking over the lost and found columns and fails to do his part toward finding the owner he is almost as dishonest as if he took the goods.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Serious For Once.

An army captain on returning home from India brought with him a goodly stock of souvenirs. Among them was a pair of laughing jackasses, which he intrusted to one of the sailors, Tom Pinch.

Alas! The unaccustomed shipboard life did not agree with the creatures, and in spite of all Tom's care they pined and finally died.

When he discovered the catastrophe, Tom was in despair.

"I daren't tell the captain!"

"Don't shirk it, mate," said his pal. "Break it to him gently. You'll find it'll be all right."

The advice seemed sound, and Tom sought the gallant captain.

"Scuse me, sir," he said, "you know them things below—what you call larfin' jackasses? Well, sir, they ain't got nuffin to larf at this morning."

For Strength

The Supreme Court Says

in a recent decision about female labor: "The two sexes differ, in structure of body, in the functions to be performed by each, in the amount of physical strength, in the capacity for long-continued labor, etc."

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A CONFLICT OF COURT

Sensational Developments in Question of Jurisdiction Growing Out of Smith Murder Trial in Raleigh—Peace Reigns.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 7.—Without any progress whatever being made in the hearing, the investigation of the Dr. E. W. Smith murder case before Police Justice Badger assumed rather sensational aspect for an hour or more this morning in connection with the spirit of rivalry and conflict that has been developing between County Coroner Seaparks and officers working under him on the one hand and Police Justice Badger and the city police on the other.

Saturday in the police justice's hearing evidence of a sensationally strong character as showing that Earle Cotton and Tim Holderfield were guilty of the robbery and probable murder of Dr. Smith, of Richmond, was produced by the police in the prosecution of these two prisoners and the hearing adjourned over to 9 o'clock this morning. In the meantime Coroner Seaparks had set 10 o'clock this morning as the time for the investigation of the murder before his jury to be resumed. Police Justice Badger held his court Saturday in the county court house to accommodate the crowds. This morning when he and his court officers, followed by a great crowd, proceeded down the square from the municipal building to the court house to resume the hearing, they were met at the court house by the janitor of the building, who informed the police justice that Chairman Johnson, of the county board of commissioners, had instructed him not to admit the police justice to the court room. Justice Badger roundly denounced the action as high-handed and purely a case of spite work, and returning to the city court room, declared that the hearing would proceed there. There was a wait of 15 minutes or more for City Attorney W. B. Snow, who is the prosecuting attorney in the police court. He failed to show up and Bart M. Gatling, county attorney, and in the police court merely as counsel for "Red" Hopkins, who is an important witness in the police hearing, but is under indictment before the coroner charged outright with the murder of Dr. Smith, addressed the justice to know if there was to be any hearing. Justice Badger informed him curtly that it was none of his business, that he had no standing in his court since he was not counsel for anyone who was being prosecuted in his court. So he would not hear any remarks from him. Justice Badger suspected that it was on the advice of Mr. Gatling, as county attorney, that the court had been refused the use of the county court house. Gatling insisted that he had a right to appear and protect the interests of Hopkins who might be forced to give testimony that could be used against him in prosecution against him in the Coroner's court later. Justice Badger ordered him to be seated. As he took his seat Gatling took a last shot by declaring that he understood there would be no hearing today anyway. The reply of the justice was that he would personally see about that and that there would be unless he, the justice, ordered otherwise. Gatling arose to leave the court room and as he passed out called out that he had designated Attorney Hinsdale, who is counsel for one of the defendants in the hearing, to look after the interests of his client Hopkins, and see that he was not made to testify against himself.

About that time City Attorney Snow came in and stated that he was just from a conference with Solicitor Armistead Jones, Coroner Seaparks and others and that he had agreed for the hearing to go over until 10 o'clock tomorrow and that he was assured by the coroner that there would be no attempt to block the hearing before the police justice, whom he assured that he, as city attorney, believed this to be the best course for several reasons. After declaring that he would allow no interference with his court, Justice Badger acepted the recommendation of the city attorney and declared the court adjourned to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

It is a significant fact that "Red" Hopkins and Ed Chavis, against whom the coroner insists on holding warrants charging murder of Dr. Smith, are the two most important witnesses against Cotton and Holderfield yet to be examined by the police justice. These warrants may have the effect of relieving them from testifying.

—Greensboro Telegram: Last night about 8 o'clock Clarence Craven, Richard Lee and Bud Watkins, three negro prisoners made a desperate effort to break jail and would have no doubt been successful, but for the fact that one of the prisoners was too large to pass through the opening. One of the iron bars had been sawed off and only needed to be pulled back. The negroes stripped off their clothing soon after dark and made the attempt. The Watkins negro, the smallest of the three, passed through without any trouble. Then Craven, a big broad shouldered negro, took his turn. He managed to squeeze his shoulders through, but could get no farther. He squirmed and twisted but to no avail. The other prisoners lent what assistance they could, but Craven was immovably wedged in. The Watkins negro called to Jailor May, who took in the situation at a glance and secured the aid of the police. A saw was secured and the other end of the bar was sawed off and Craven shoved back inside the cell. The negroes were then placed in another cell for the night.

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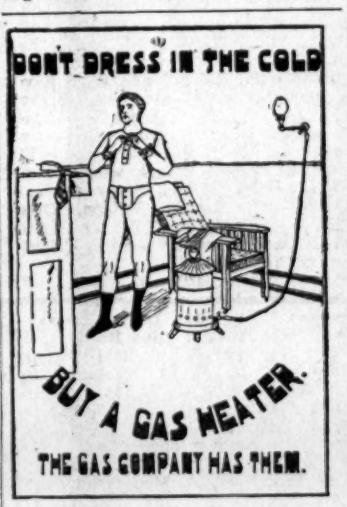

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WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 8, 1908.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. Monday, Dec. 7:

Temperature at 8 A. M. 69 degrees; 8 P. M. 56 degrees; maximum 74 degrees; minimum 52 degrees; mean 63 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .03; for the month, .78 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river ta Fayetteville Sunday at 8 A. M. 5.3 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Fair Tuesday with colder near the coast; Wednesday fair; winds becoming light and variable.

Port Calendar—Dec. 8.

Sun Rises.....6:57 A. M.
Sun Sets.....4:46 P. M.
Day's Length.....9 hrs. 50 min.
High water at Southport 8:24 P. M.
High water at Wilmington 10:17 P. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Schutt's Pharmacy—Specials.
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W. B. Cooper—Bargains in Rice.
J. W. Plummer, Jr.—Fire Works.
N. Y. Herald—Christmas Number
St. John's Lodge, A. F. & A. M.—Communication.

Business Locals.

Lost—Spectacles.
Wanted—Position.
A. D. Wessell—For Rent.
For Rent—Furnished Rooms.
Henry Melton—Cow Impounded.
St. John's Branch—Japanese Tea.
St. Cecilia's Guild—Tea and Sale.
Miss Lucy B. Moore—Xmas Plants.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Col. A. H. Slocomb, of Fayetteville, is spending a few days in the city on a business trip.

—Mr. H. M. Pemberton, of Fayetteville, N. C., spent yesterday in Wilmington and returned home last night.

—Messrs. Wade Meadows, of Newbern, and J. F. Woodward, of Warsaw, were among the arrivals at The Orton yesterday.

—Mrs. B. H. Houston returned Sunday from a visit to freinds and relatives at Brunswick, Savannah and Atlanta, Ga.

FUNERAL OF MR MAUNDER.

Remains Interred in Oakdale With Masonic Honors.

Many friends and acquaintances attended the sad and impressive funeral of Mr. J. Frank Maunder, from the home, No. 215 North Fifth street, at 2:15 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. W. E. Cox, pastor of St. John's Episcopal church, and the remains were conveyed to Oakdale, where the concluding service was with Masonic honors, the oration having been spoken by Mr. John S. McEachern.

The pall-bearers were: Honorary, Messrs. M. W. Divine, M. J. Heyer, J. H. Boatwright and C. D. Maffitt; active, Messrs. Jesse Wilder, W. E. Springer, W. E. Perdew, R. C. Merritt, M. W. Jacobi and N. M. McEachern.

MARINE ITEMS.

Arrivals and Clearances of Vessels at Local Port.

Five schooners have arrived in port during the past four days, bringing cargoe s from northern markets, two of this number being the schooners Bayard Hopkins, Capt. Hopkins, from Philadelphia, with cargo of 340 tons of coal for the Springer Coal Co., and the Joel Cook, Capt. Loveland, from Jersey City, with cargo of salt to the Seaboard Air Line for interior shipment. Both are consigned to C. D. Maffitt.

The British steamer Hillbrook, Capt. Hopley, cleared yesterday for Liverpool with 14,604 bales of cotton valued at $668,000; vessel and cargo by Alexander Sprunt & Son.

The barge Flore, in tow of the tug Fawn, arrived with a cargo of lumber from Little River, S. C., for the Hammer Lumber Co.

Carolina Council, R. A.

Carolina Council No. 1874, Royal Arcanum, last night elected officers for the ensuing term as follows: Regent L. D. Latta, Vice Regent F. W. Bonitz, Sitting Past Regent W. J. Meredith, Orator J. S. Hooper, Secretary H. E. Bonitz, Treasurer R. G. Rankin, Jr., Collector M. F. Allen, Guide P. B. Bell, Chaplain W. J. Toomer, Warden D. Palmgren, Sentry J. B. Cooper, Representative to Grand Council at Newbern in April, W. J. Toomer; alternate, J. S. Hooper. A committee was appointed to confer with Cornelius Harnett Council with reference to joint installation in January. Officers reported a steady and substantial growth in membership.

Evening Service at St. Andrew's.

The evening service at St. Andrew's on Sunday was of more than the usual interest to a large congregation. Aside from a strong sermon by Dr. McClure on the "Name of the Lord," there was special music, including a solo by Mr. J. B. Fenley. Upon the invitation of the organist of St. Andrew's, Mr. G. L. Johnson, choirmaster of St. James, presided at the organ during the evening and after the regular service, gave a delightful recital that was much enjoyed by the devotees of music in the large audience.

St. John's Vestrymen.

At the annual parish meeting of St. John's last evening, the following vestry was elected and subsequently organized as indicated: H. G. Smallbones, senior warden; Washington Catlett, junior warden; Geo. S. LeGrand, treasurer; Bertram Quelch, secretary; J. Wallace Carmichael, Wm. McLeod, T. B. Willard, H. F. Wilder and W. N. Royall.

COUNTY FISCAL YEAR

(Continued from first page.)

C tax were referred to the Finance Committee.

Captain Walter G. MacRae was appointed to survey certain lands for James A. Hewlett in Masonboro township.

Bids for county out door poor prescriptions were read as follows: J. F. Jarman 14c, Southside Pharmacy and Kingsbury's 25c. each. Award to Jarman.

For care of the Court House clock, the award was to S. C. Winner, the only bidder, at $5 per month.

Bid for Coal was read from the Springer Coal Co., Pennsylvania anthracite $7 per ton; referred to Public Building Committee.

W. H. Shearin and J. M. Woolard submitted bids of 25 and 24 cents per day, respectively, for care of the county convicts, the latter having bid 25c. also for board of the guards and specifying vegetables only once a week instead of daily as required. The award was deferred until Thursday.

G. C. Simmons, N. E. Gallagher and W. L. West applied for the position of county standard keeper. Mr. Simmons was re-elected by acclamation.

Captain Owen Fennell was unanimously re-elected clerk of the Board of Audit and Finance.

Applications for the position of janitor of the Court House were read from H. B. Hankins and Lewis Taylor. Mr. George was unanimously re-elected upon verbal application.

Mr. J. R. Hardee was re-elected superintendent of the county home and farm.

Contract for repairing and rebuilding the county line fence was not awarded and the matter was referred to the chairman with power to act.

Contract for feeding live stock during December was awarded to B. F. Mitchell Co.

The annual report of Justice G. W. Bornemann, giving in detail the fines and forfeitures from his court during the year, was submitted, read and placed on file.

LOCAL DOTS.

—The Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian church will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock in the church parlors. All the ladies of the congregation are cordially invited to be present.

—St. Cecilia's Guild will hold a contribution tea and sale for the benefit of St. Paul's School, Beaufort, N. C., at the residence of Mrs. F. L. Huggins, 520 Market street, this afternoon at 4 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

—Abram Bishop was tried in Justice Bornemann's court yesterday charged with assaulting Frank Bullock with a deadly weapon. The defendant was discharged for lack of evidence and the prosecutor taxed with the costs.

—Edward Mosley, an insane colored man, was taken in custody yesterday and placed in the county jail for safe keeping. The colored man lives at Sixth and Nixon streets and will probably be carried to the Goldsboro asylum.

—The Wilmington friends of Mr. Platt W. Davis, will learn with interest and pleasure of his transfer by the Peruvian Guano Co., from Charleston, S. C., to this city, by this change assuming the position of State representative with headquarters in Wilmington.

—The excellent exhibition of curios given last week at the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Crowley, No. 411 South Front street, will be repeated with the same display of curosities this afternoon and evening, with light refreshments. The public is invited to attend.

—Mr. A. A. Robbins sustained painful injuries yesterday morning by falling from his bicycle at corner of Second and Red Cross streets, while on his way to work at the railroad shops. The fall was due to his effort to avoid collision with another wheel and his friends will learn of his misfortune with regret.

MAJOR BOLLES RETURNS

Leaves Government Employ to Locate Permanently in Wilmington.

It will be a source of great pleasure to many friends of Major C. P. Bolles, of Washington, D. C., to know that he has decided to return to Wilmington to make this city his future home, having recently retired of his own accord from the Hydrographic Bureau, United States Navy, after a continuous and efficient service of the United States government for 64 years, exclusive of a few years during and just after the Civil War when he returned to Wilmington and cast his lot with the Southern Confederacy. Although not yet "fall'n into the sear, the yellow leaf," Major Bolles has reached the age when his retirement is fitting and at a time when he can enjoy the years yet vouchafed to him in peace and quiet with family and life-long friends. Wilmington is delighted to receive Major Bolles again as a resident.

Death of Little Doree Kenan.

Friends in the city expressed infinite regret for the bereaved parents, in the death of little Doree Kenan, the 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kenan, which occurred at the home, corner of Ninth and Princess streets, early Sunday morning after a lingering illness from fever.

The funeral was held from the home yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, Rev. Fred D. Hale, D. D., officiating, and the remains were laid to rest in Oakdale.

Fifteen Cases in Court.

At a busy session of the police court yesterday morning fifteen defendants were tried before Mayor Springer on various charges most of them frivolous. James Anderson, for an assault was sent to the county roads to serve 30 days, and the many other cases were disposed of by the parties' paying fines and costs.

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

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ommended certain changes that could be made at small cost and would reduce the insurance on the City Hall building 60c per hundred. The committee was instructed to proceed with the work.

Alderman Northrop in adverting to the former action of the Board in going on record as opposed to a re-lease of the Academy of Music, said that the promoters of the proposed new theatre had failed on financing the enterprise and desired now to re-rent the house for a term of years, conditioned upon the lessee's expending not less than $8,000 on remodeling the theatre. Alderman Bolles was unalterably opposed to renting any part of the building for theatre purposes, saying the city has never received a single, solitary cent of net revenue from the opera house and the room is now needed for other departments of the city government. Mr. French endorsed fully what Alderman Bolles said. Mr. Northrop favored advertising for the proposition, but this did not mean that any member would be committed to vote for a lease. The matter was discussed at length, the opinion of the Board being that the theatre will be built by some one if there is a demand for it, regardless of whether the house is leased or not. It was called to the attention of the Board that the advertisement for proposals is usually made in April and the matter was left open.

D. Lowenstein made complaint of the dumping of road material in front of his property at Tenth and Princess streets and the Mayor stated that other arrangements would be made.

The usual monthly reports were read and filed. Those of the Superintendent of Health and Chief of Police have been published. The Chief of the Fire Department reported 12 alarms during the month and a property loss of not exceeding $2,500. The City Clerk and Treasurer reported a balance of $25,407.18 from October and receipts of $15,162.46 during November, making a total of $40,569.64. The disbursements were $30,089.19, leaving a balance of $10,480.45 to December.

Various communications from the Board of Audit and Finance were read for the information of the Aldermen and placed on file after which an adjournment was taken.

The Board of Audit and Finance was also in session last night just across the hall and approved of the sale of the bonds to N. W. Harris & Co., closing the deal, concurred in the appropriation of $75 for membership in the Municipal Association, and referred the proposition of the Macomber's ditch drainage back to the Board of Aldermen with the suggestion that the same might now be more properly and expeditiously handled by the Water and Sewerage Commission.

B. R. C. MINSTRELS

Merry Jesters and Sweet Singers Pleased Large Audience.

The Brotherhood of Railway Clerks scored a splendid success in its minstrel production at the Academy last night, the house having been large and the character of the show having been all that could be desired. The grand opening was especially elaborate and spectacular and Mr. J. C. Douglass, the interlocutor, kept the fun going at a lively clip. Among the "chirpers" were P. Duffy, R. Schulken, A. Dosher, M. Meier, Ed Reilly, F. Banks, W. McGirt, Joe Quinlivan, O. Pinner, L. Meredith and others equally well known. "Rose-Time-Rosie" was the opening chorus, introducing the entire company, the Delgado Band having furnished excellent music for the production and for the very creditable street parade given yesterday shortly after noon. "Monkey-land" served to introduce such well known artists as Pat Gerken, Stacy Adams, Fred Hutaff, Everett Wilson, Otis Mills, Sam Matthews, Walter Bolin and Billie Daniels, who were "right there with the goods."

Among the feature sketches and musical numbers were "Butinsky," Freeman Yopp; "A Little Foolishness," S. R. Adams; "Red Roses," Ed Reilly; "Oh, You Coon," Pat Gerken; "More Foolishness," Fred Hutaff; "No One Knows," Frank Banks; "Silly Sayings," Otis Mills; "Don't Take Me Home," Sam Matthews; Wilson & Daniels in dancing specialties; "Under the Chicken Tree," Walter Bolin; "Love Days," W. A. McGirt and the grand finale introducing The Victor Venitian Band in disgust, led by "Darktown Willie." The olio was up to the high standard of the first part, closing with a rip-roaring farce comedy, "Uncle Remus in Dreamland" and "Boyhood Days" by Greelish and Meier. The electrical effects were put on by Mr. John T. Yates and were very pretty.

Mrs. Stevenson's Funeral.

A concourse of friends paid a last tribute of respect to Mrs. Christiana E. Stevenson, whose funeral was held from the late residence, No. 323 South Fifth street, yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Fred D. Hale, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist church. A number of beautiful floral tributes were sent by sympathizing friends and the services were most impressive. The remains were carried to Oakdale following the services at the home, where they were interred. The pall-bearers were J. M. Stevenson, C. N. Evans, T. E. Brown, J. S. Brown, J. S. Hooper and Col. Walker Taylor.

Rev. Mr. Plowden Locates Here.

Rev. J. M. Plowden, who for some time past has been evangelist of Wilmington Presbytery, with his home in Goldsboro, has recently moved to Wilmington, where he will devote a portion of his time to evangelistic work and also assume the pastorate of the Presbyterian church at Burgaw. During his efficient ministerial career in this Presbytery, he has made many acquaintances in this city, who will learn of his change with great pleasure. He has been in Wilmington since last Friday and is residing on Ninth, between Market and Dock streets.

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The Theatre

With the beginning of its new bill yesterday afternoon the Crystal Palace made one of the most novel, as well as truly delightful, offerings yet made. Each act of the present week's bill is a topliner and the entire bill was obtained direct from New York city. There is more real vaudeville, such as one sees at Keith's or Proctor's, this week than ever before. For instance, the bill is opened by the Great LaClair, who does a marvelous slack wire act, his feats upon the swaying wire calling forth frequent applause. Then comes a comedy duo, Renzetta and Lyman, who present an acrobatic act that is of the finest type. They introduce some remarkable stunts in fresh and snappy comedy style. Next, comes Miss Estelle Hamliton, a dainty, attractive soubrette, who does singing and dancing and does both in exceedingly clever way. The bill is closed by DeChaunt's well known trained dogs, and it makes a rousing and glorious climax. The canines do all kinds of tricks and their intelligence evokes thunderous applause. This act should prove especially popular with the ladies and children.

"A Mountain Feud."

A Western drama, taken from life in Colorado and entitled, "A Mountain Feud" will be the offering at the Bijou this afternoon and evening. It is a sweet story of the rugged West and is not without its sensations and thrills. The story is thrilling, full of heart interest and plainly told.

Number of Real Estate Deals.

Five deeds were filed for record yesterday as follows: Albert Rothschild and wife to J. G. L. Gieschen, for $1,000, lot on Red Cross, 140 feet east of Front street, 40x130 feet; A. Rothschild and wife to H. Gieschen, for $1,000, lot on Red Cross 100 feet west of Second street, 40x127 feet; Cyrus S. VanAmrringe to Marshall L. Starkey, for $5,500, lot on Eighth street, 198 feet south of Castle, whole of lots 4 and 5 of block 80, in official plan of city; American Suburban Corporation to J. E. Bunting, for $275, lot No. 22 in block 26, "Carolina Place," 33x113 in size.

Stonewall Lodge Officers.

Stonewall Lodge No. 1, K. of P., last night elected the following officers for ensuing term: Chancellor Commander W. H. McClain, Vice Chancellor J. W. Little, Prelate L. P. Green, Master of Work D. K. McIntosh, Keeper of Records and Seal W. C. Smith, Master of Exchequer Claude Murray, Master of Finance J. D. Kelly, Master, at Arms, T. E. Davis, Inner Guard J. L. Edge, Outer Guard J. M. Holmes.

The hand of death may properly be called Pneumonia, and Gowan's Preparation which is external stays the hand of the King of Terrors. Cures Croup and all the ailments caused by inflammation. Be prepared.

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Physicians in a Smash-Up.

Resulting from a collision of Dr. W. J. H. Bellamy's horse and buggy, and Dr. Morris Caldwell's automobile, late Saturday afternoon at corner of Fourth and Market streets, the physicians had a rather exciting experience and both the machine and buggy were almost wrecked before the entanglement could be cleared. The body of the machine was completely demolished and very remarkable, by the pranks of the frightened animal, was stripped from its frame. The horse after being released, made a wild dash and was only stopped after he had gone several blocks.

Opinion Was Affirmed.

The United States Court of Appeals, in Richmond, yesterday handed down an opinion in the case of the Wilmington, Southport & Little River Transportation Co., owners of the steam tug Blanche, against the schooner General Adelbert Ames, affirming the opinion of the circuit court here. Hon. John D. Bellamy and ex-Judge E. K. Bryan represented the transportation company and argued the case in Richmond last Tuesday.

SENSATION IN RUSTIN TRIAL.

Witness Declares She Saw Mrs. Rice on Street at Early Hour.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 7.—The defense this afternoon in the trial of Chas. E. Davis, for the murder of Dr. Frederick T. Rustin, created a sensation by producing a witness in the person of Mrs. Emily Allen, who testified to having seen a woman that the witness declared was Mrs. Abbie Rice on the street down town about 4 o'clock in the morning buying a paper a time at which according to Mrs. Rice and several witnesses for the prosecution, she was at the house where she had been living.

"I had been to Lincoln," Mrs. Allen said, "and got back on a train arriving just before 3 o'clock, where I took a cab and started for home. At about 4 o'clock, while on the way, I met Mrs. Rice, who had stopped two newsboys to buy a paper. I watched her for some time as she stopped under an electric light and eagerly scanned the paper. I had seen her many times before with Dr. Rustin and always supposed she was his wife.

ENTIRE CITY ENDANGERED

Government Dyke Breaks Pine Bluff. East End Partially Destroyed.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Pine Bluff, Ask., Dec. 7.—The government dyke at Tennessee street, on which the residents of the Eastern portion of Pine Bluff depended for protection against the Arkansas river, gave way late today, and tonight the river is eating its way toward the mouth of Hardings Bayou, which crosses the city. If the river encroaches much further it will strike with full force what is known as the east end, a quarter destroyed by fire several years ago and but recently rebuilt. Many persons are moving their houses or demolishing them to save the lumber.

Today five dwellings and the warehouse of the Arkansas Packet company were swept away and a great portion of the Cady Hardwood Mill was destroyed. Barraque street for a distance of five blocks east of Georgia has been destroyed.

WARM WIRELETS.

William Martin Aiken, supervising architect of the Treasury Department under the Cleveland administration and one of the foremost architects in the country, died at the New York hospital in New York yesterday after undergoing an operation. Mr. Aiken was born in Charleston, S. C., in 1855.

The Eastside Bank, of Portland, Ore., on East Washington street and Grand Avenut, was robbed last night by three masked men of $16,500. The president of the bank, Henry H. Newhall, and his son, Roger, were just about to leave the bank for home when two men armed with pistols entered.

The steamer Valentia arrived in Halifax, N. S., yesterday towing oil tank steamer Oriflamme, which had been picked up with her propeller gone and helplessly adrift. The Valentia, laden with cotton, was bound from Wilmington, N. C., for Bremen and the Oriflamme with a cargo of oil, was bound from Philadelphia to Franc.

The case of Mrs. Florence Maybrick and her mother, Baroness von Roque, of New York, involving title to land to be worth about $2,500,000 was decided yesterday in their favor in the Chancery Court in Richmond. Under the decree deeds conveying 2,500,000 acres of land in Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky, to D. W. Armstrong, of New York, are set aside and Armstrong is ordered to give an accounting of all lands and money handled by him while attorney.

A resolution that public schools be closed one afternoon a week to allow children to attend religious service, was defeated, after a long discussion, by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ at Philadelphia yesterday. Bishop Wilson, of the M. E. Church, presented the report on temperance and resolutions congratulating him on the stand he has taken with reference to intoxicating liquors. A resolution was offered for the appointment of a committee to investigate the liquor traffic and report to Congress.

Had a Close Call.

Mrs. Ada L. Croom, the widely known proprietor of the Croom Hotel, Vaughn, Miss., says: "For several months I suffered with a severe cough, and consumption seemed to have its grip on me, when a friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery. I began taking it, and three bottles affected a complete cure." The fame of this life saving cough and cold remedy, and lung and throat healer is world wide. Sold at R. R. Bellamy's drug store. 50c and $1.00 Trial bottle free.

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The Road to Happiness.

By TEMPLE BAILEY.

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Margaret, with her eyes on the heavy sky that hung over the stubbly fields, sang softly:

"Falling leaf and fading tree,
Lines of white on a sullen sea."

She stopped and turned to Meredith with an impulsive gesture.

"This is the end," she said.

His somber eyes met hers.

"I can't see it," he stormed. "We love each other. Why shouldn't we be happy?"

"Ah, but there is the other girl!" she reminded him.

"Yes, the other girl," he said, and for a long time after that they were silent.

In front of them stretched the long brown road. The goldenrod flamed on both sides of it now, but when these two had first met there had been sweetbrier and other delicate flowers of the early summer.

Margaret had worn a bunch of wild pink roses that first morning when she had come to the big gate to get her mail, and to Meredith, there on the same errand, she had seemed as fresh and perfect as the flowers she wore. Since then they had waited every morning on the old rustic bench under the oaks, and life in that time had taken on new meaning.

"Think of it," Margaret said at last—"tomorrow the little postman will come here and there will be no one to see him and nothing will be changed, but you and I will be far away—you in the west and I in the east."

After another silence he asked, "What are you going to do with your life?"

"I?" she hesitated. "Oh, go in for something, I suppose—settlement work or society or literature. Perhaps I'll write a novel."

"And you think that any of those things will make you happy?"

She stretched out her hands to him. "Ah, happiness"— she began, and her voice broke.

"Come with me," he whispered as he bent over her. "It must be you and I for all the future, Margaret."

She drew away from him. "No, no," she told him; "I shall get along. A woman can find so many interests in these days, and in using my brain I shall forget that I have a heart. And you—you will marry the other girl, and this summer, this little time that we have had together, will seem to you like a dream or a strain of music that heard once you can never forget."

His eyes followed her as she rose and walked to the gate. She wore a loose tan coat and tan shoes, and her brown hair was waved and puffed into a shining coiffure.

"Oh, you beauty," he whispered, "you beauty!"

"Hush!" she warned, and they heard the beat of a horse's hoofs.

The mail wagon of the rural delivery carrier was protected from sun and rain by a white umbrella, under which the little man sat like a frog under a toadstool.

"You all goin' tomorrow?" he asked as Meredith gave him directions for forwarding the mail. Then he gave a chuckling laugh. "I reckon if you all come next summer your mail will come to the same name."

Margaret had a half dozen letters and a paper. Meredith's mail was all business matter except one square white envelope addressed in delicate feminine script.

"Look here," the little postman said to Margaret facetiously as he handed the letter to Meredith; "I'd be jealous of that letter if I were you. He gets one every day."

A wave of scarlet swept over the girl's face. "Jealous!" she stammered. "Oh, no!"

But when the little man had gone she broke down and sobbed.

"I am jealous," she told Meredith. "I am dreadfully, dreadfully jealous."

"And yet you won't marry me."

"No."

"You want me to marry a woman I don't care for, to whom I am engaged simply because I had known her all my life and had drifted into it, and you want to make me miserable and to make her miserable just because you are afraid it will be dishonorable for me to go back on my word?"

"But she loves you, and she isn't strong."

His face softened.

"No; she isn't strong, and she has a sweet nature. If I had never met you I should have jogged along with her and there would have been no heights of happiness. I should have dwelt always in the plain.

He stopped abruptly. "But what is the use of thinking about that? It's our last day together, Margaret. Let us forget everything but that we are together."

"Then we'll ride," she said. "I'll go back to the house and get my habit, and we will go over the hills and far away."

He stuffed his letters into his pocket. "You haven't read—hers," Margaret reminded him.

"Another time," he said briefly, and they went to get ready.

Their ride that day was a thing to live in a man's memory. The hillsides were glowing in russet and orange and green. The lake as they passed it was as blue as a sapphire, and the blackbirds were flocking in the golden fields.

They talked little, but they lived intensely in those few hours. Now and then she ventured a little plan for his future or for hers. But he would stop her always, and then he would urge their horses on and on until they went like the wind.

At last twilight came, and they stopped at a wayside inn for supper. They ate little.

"I can't," Margaret whispered when he insisted. "I am thinking of tomorrow."

When the waiter came with their bill Meredith, reaching for his pocketbook, brought out with it the unopened letter of the morning. As it lay on the table Margaret studied the postmark.

"How does it happen," she asked suddenly, "that she is in New York? I thought you were to meet her in Denver."

He caught the letter out of her hand. "New York?" he repeated and tore it open.

As he read his face changed, whitened and was suddenly illumined.

"Margaret," he said, with a quick intake of breath, "Margaret!"

"What is it?" she asked, startled.

"Helen is married—to some one she met this summer."

Across the table they stared at each other, stunned by this sudden fulfillment of their hearts' desire. Meredith, catching curious eyes upon them, rose.

"Come," he said abruptly; "we must go."

The stars were out as they mounted their horses, and the road lay like a silver path before them. In the darkness Meredith leaned over and drew to him the lady of his heart.

"Dear," he whispered tensely, "it is the road to happiness."

Check Your Passion.

An old man was once walking with a little boy. They came across four shrubs. The old man said to his youthful companion:

"Pull up the least one."

He obeyed with ease.

"Now the next."

He obeyed, but it did not come so easily.

"And the third."

It took all his strength to move its roots, but he succeeded.

"Now the fourth."

In vain the lad put forth all his strength. He only made the leaves tremble. He could not move the roots. They had gone strongly into the earth, and no effort could dislodge them.

Then the wise old man said to the ardent youth:

"This, my son, is just what happens with our passions. When they are young and weak one may by a little watchfulness over self and the help of a little self denial easily tear them up, but if we let them cast their roots deep into our souls there is no human power can uproot them. For this reason, my child, watch well over the first movements of your soul and study by acts of virtue to keep your passions well in check."

Reading In Bed.

Reading in bed, like most luxuries, can be overdone. In fact, there seems to be only one excuse for this fascinating way of ending the day. Certain people find that their worries accumulate in their brains after bedtime. Their nerves are at high tension, and their minds are actively at work trying to solve problems that should have been left behind in the city.

Going to bed with the brain in such a state means that with nothing to distract the thoughts, hearing nothing and seeing nothing in the darkness, imagination has full sway and hours of wakefulness may be the result. Such a man, we think, will find half an hour's reading in bed a great help.

With careful attention paid to the quality and position of the light so that without flickering it shines over the shoulder and directly on to the page the much maligned habit of reading in bed has sometimes a very beneficial effect on a tired and overwakeful brain.—Family Doctor.

A Considerate Bride.

"The most considerate girl I ever knew got married yesterday," said the man. "She showed her thoughtfulness in a most unusual way. The day before the wedding she called the attention of the rest of the family to a row of old shoes standing in a downstairs closet.

"'I want you to throw these after the carriage,' she said. 'They are all mates. I collected them to throw away. I learned some time ago that certain poor souls who have hard work to get clothes of any description keep a lookout for big weddings. They hang around the house at going away time and pick up the good luck shoes. Maybe they get a fit, and maybe they don't. Anyway, I've done all I could to accommodate them.

"'Here are six pairs of decent shoes to be fired after me. If somebody doesn't get fitted in that collection it isn't my fault.'"—New York Times.

Met Their Match.

Three students at one of the leading colleges determined to play a trick on one of the professors.

For a week they collected all kinds of bugs and finally had gathered a large number of them. Selecting a half dozen of the most uniformly sized, they took them apart; then they glued a leg of one, a head of another, a body of a third, etc., until they had a perfectly made body of a bug, and a very funny one.

Next day when the bug was dry they took it to the professor.

"We found it an hour ago," said the spokesman, "in the back field. It is very queer, and we thought you could tell us the name of it."

"So I can," said the professor after he had looked at it. "It is a species of humbug."—Philadelphia Ledger.

—Concord Tribune: Last Tuesday morning shortly after the various mills of the city started up for the day's work a little rodent climbed the wires at the Hanover Cotton Mills and quietly sneaked itself across the terminals of a switch, thereby making a short circuit of the volume of the electric current. As the result of this little indiscretion on the part of the rat, all of the cotton mills and other enterprises of the city that are operated by electricity were instantly stopped, standing for 45 minutes before relief could be given, searching parties going over the various lines to locate the trouble. When found the rat was perched upon the three wires and was roasted to a nice brown finish, looking as serene and innocent as a lamb.

A WAY THEY HAVE

What This Wilmington Citizen Says Only Corroborates the Story of Thousands.

The particulars related by this representative citizen of Wilmington are similar to hundreds of others in this city. When there are scores of people, all anxious to tell about the benefits received from the use of Doan's Kidney Pills, the greatest skeptic in Wilmington must be convinced. Read the following:

James Hansley, 309 North Fifth street, Wilmington, N. C., says: "For some time my back and kidneys troubled me, no doubt due to the constant standing on my feet. I had dull nagging backaches and a constant aching across my loins. I could not stoop or lift without feeling sharp twinges in the small of my back. The kidney secretions contained a heavy sediment and were quite frequent in action. When I learned of Doan's Kidney Pills, I procured a box from Robert R. Bellamy's drug store and used them as directed. In a few days the backache and other annoyances ceased and have not returned since. I give this testimonial in the hope that some other sufferer from kidney trouble may be benefitted thereby."

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Take the Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. You know what you are taking. The formula is plainly printed on every bottle, showing it is simply Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form, and the most effectual form. For grown people and children 50c.

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

The Star will send without charge, A. D. T. (Western Union) Messenger to your Place of Business or Residence for Advertisements for our Business Locals Department. 'Phone the Star office, No. 51.

Rates—25 cents for each insertion of twenty-five words, or less. Additional words, more than twenty-five, one cent per word in advance.

The A. D. T. Messengers will also call for telegrams for the Western Union Telegraph Co., or for Notes or small packages to be delivered anywhere in the city. No charges for the telegrams, and but a small charge for notes. For this service call Western Union, 'Phone 2. But for Advertisements always call the Star office, 'Phone 51.

FOR RENT—From January 1st, two desirable stores, Nos. 111 and 115 South Front street. Will be improved to suit tenants. A. D. Wessell, phone 650. de 8-1t*

FOR RENT—Furnished room at 415 South Front street, with use of bath and telephone. Terms reasonable. de 8-1t*

WANTED—Position in dry goods or gents' furnishings store by capable young man of good appearance. Hukey, 132 Market street. de 8-1t*

SCARLET POINSETTIAS (Xmas plants) in full bloom at Oakmont Greenhouses. Fine Xmas decorations or cut flowers. Miss Lucy B. Moore, florist, 15th and Market streets. Phone 354. de 8-3t

ST. CECILLIA'S GUILD—Contribution tea and sale benefit of St. Paul's School, Beaufort, N. C., this (Tuesday) afternoon at 4 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. F. L. Huggins, 520 Market street. de 8-1t.

ST. JOHN'S BRANCH Junior Auxiliary will hold their annual Japanese tea an dsale, Friday, December 11th, at the residence of Mrs. James Woolvin, 503 Chesnut street from 4 to 9 o'clock. de 8-1t.

LOST—On last Sunday, a pair of gold spectacles. Finder will be rewarded by returning to W. Z. Corbett, 209 Walnut street. de 8-1t

TAKEN-UP—By Henry Melton, Greenville Sound, one butt-head, mouse colored cow and yearling. Owner can get property by paying charges. de 8-tf.

UPHOLSTERING, repairing, varnishing, at 114 1-2 Dock street. 'Phone No. 1465. Carolina Upholstering Company. P. J. Breen, manager. de 6 tf

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

OH! WHAT A BARGAIN—You can buy a seven-room, two-story dwelling on North Third street for less than $2,600. I will tell you how much less when I talk it over with you. Lot 33 feet front by 165 feet depth. It is absolutely the cheapest property for sale in the city. Apply at once to James Owen Reilly, Insurance and Real Estate Agent. de 6-2t

THAT DESIRABLE STORE on the southeast corner of Second and Princess streets, for rent from January 1st, 1909. Apply to J. O. Reilly, Real Estate and Insurance Agent. de 6-2t

OYSTERS—At 121 1-2 South Front street, you can get oysters roasted, stewed, fried or New River on the half shell, which we deliver in the neighborhood. J. W. Scott. de 6-6t*

THE MINISTERING CIRCLE of the King's Daughters will hold their annual sale of fancy articles, candy, etc., on Thursday at 3:30 P. M., at 110 Nun street. Public cordially invited to attend. dec 6 3t

THE OLD RELIABLE, the Wilmington Pressing Club, is still running at the old stand on Second street. Others come and go, but the old Wilmington comes and stays. de 5-tf.

FOR RENT—A nice five-room cottage with acre of ground, on Castle Hayne road, one-fourth of mile from city. P. Q. Moore. de 5-1w.

FOR SALE—A gentle combination, horse, runabout and harness. Apply to Moses Bear, 18 Market street. dec 4 tf

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS — Overhauled, repaired and tuned. Work guaranteed. Address Geo. Haar, 315 South Fifth street. dec 2 eod 1m

LUMBER AT RETAIL—Grades and prices right. See us before buying. Angola Lumber Co. aug 30 tf

FOR RENT—Store No. 11 Market street, runs back to alley. Suitable for grocery and commission business. Apply to James Owen Reilly. nov 22-tf

PHOTOGRAPHS—Visit the U. C. Ellis Studio for bright, clear, artistic photographs that don't fade. At reasonable prices. dec 3 tf

FOR SALE—A four-room cottage, in center of city on car line. Has gas, water, electric lights and telephone. Splendid neighborhood. Address "B. S. W." care of Star office. noc 25-tf.

BOARDING—Permanent and Transient. Best location in city. Meals to suit the business men. Strictly up to date. Harnett House, 110 Princess St Hot and cold baths. Phone No. 713. sep 22-tf

THE GILBERT HOUSE—Combines home comforts with hotel conveniences. Front and Princess streets; junction of all cars. Cars to depot. Steam heat, electric light and hot water. Table equals the best and rates reasonable. Transient $1.25 to $1.50 per day. Rates to regular and table boarders. oct 25 tf

DELMONICO CAFE—Blue Point oysters on half shell and quail on toast. de 1-1m

NO SAILING

Only in a canoe by myself. $1.00 to $1.25 Shirts at 69 cents.

TAYLOR THE TAILOR

Next to Elks' Temple, North Front street.

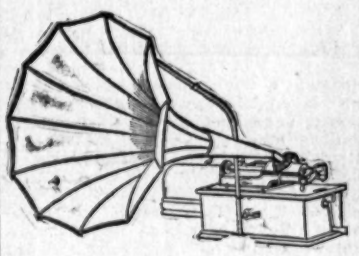
dec 5 tf

The best Christmas present is something for the home.

The best thing for the home is an Edison Phonograph. Nothing makes home so inviting and so popular as this great and versatile entertainer.

You have a choice of seven models.

$12.50 to $60.00



J. W. Robinson & Co.

205 Princess Street.

dec 1 tf

HOPKINS & DAVIS

Offer you the best and only the best. Cut and fixed ready for your table by Expert Cutters. Both Native and Western Beef, Lamb, Mutton, Veal, Country Pork, Genuine all pork Sausage, Turkeys, Chickens, Eggs, Butter, Sliced Hams, both raw and boiled, Breakfast Bacon, Bologna, German Metwurst. If you can't come 'phone us your orders.

FRONT STREET MARKET.

Four Stalls. 'Phones 141 and 128.

nov 28 tf.

every sip is delicious

Every sip of Scuppernong wine brings to you the zest and the exquisite, tantalizing flavor of that wonderful grape—the famous old Carolina Scuppernong!

It's the heart and soul of the grape, bottled and saved for the pleasure and enjoyment of those who appreciate the rarest, finest and most fruity product of the vine

Serve Bear's Scuppernong with Sundays' dinner. It will add immensely to the pleasure of the occasion.

Scuppernong. Port. Blackberry, Belle of Carolina. Sherry.

SOL BEAR AND CO.,

Phone 866. Wilmington, N. C.

Coal! Coal!!

Just arrived, 1,402 tons of the celebrated Pennsylvania Hard Coal by Schooner "Symington." This cargo, with another of over 1,000 tons to sail next, will with 5,000 tons already in stock, put us in position to keep all our friends in and about Wilmington well supplied with this superior kind of coal during the next few months.

We keep in a large supply of the celebrated domestic lump coal from mines of West Virginia and Tennessee.

As for wood, we have no end of the best oak, ash, pine, etc., cut to order for stoves, grates, etc.

THE SPRINGER COAL COMPANY

SPIRITS TURPENTINE

—Newbern Journal: Oysters were plentiful yesterday and some extra large ones of excellent flavor could be bought for 60 cents the bushel which was considered very cheap.

—Newbern Journal: The bonds recenly voted by Beaufort for electric lights and other improvements have been sold and the near future may see that said and venerable old town marching along in the front ranks of the modern army of progress.

—Scottish Chief: The J. A. McKinnon Co., farm has produced a fine crop this year. Two weeks ago they had gathered 490 bales of cotton from 500 acres, and the balance, and overweights were expected to swell it to 500 bales of 500 pounds each. They also have a good crop of corn, and the best crop of peas they have ever raised.

—Newbern Sun: Samuel M. Brinson, received a letter from his brother, Mr. James M. Brinson, of Colorado, informing him that he has been appointed by the Governor of the State as Deputy Attorney General. Mr. Brinson is a Newbern boy, and has many staunch friends in the city, who will feel proud of the high honors he is receiving in Colorado State. Mr. Brinson won out in this appointment over fifty applicants.

—Rocky Mount Record: From the charge of burning the colored Sanctified church in this city last year Sam Cohen, Tom Aus'in and Sidney Bobbitt were dismissed yesterday at Nash court, being found not guilty. The evidence was entirely circumstantial and of a weak nature, and while it is generally conceded that the fire was of incendiary origin, there was not sufficien evidence to hold these defendants.

—Charlotte Observer: The city really seems agog anent the proposed change in the form of municipal government. The appointment of the committee of one hundred to get together some sort of change from the present system has added interest to the agitation and officially sent the ball a-rolling. From now until the matter is finally settled it will be discussed on street corners, in stores and private homes just as any other proposition which so vitally concerns a city where 45,000 people make their home.

—Newbern Journal: A prominent Middle street merchant was heard to say yesterday that he expected soon to inaugurate a movement looking to the establishment of a furniture factory in Newbern. He said that the business men of the city were responsible for the falling away of outside patronage as well as the slack of trade. That the people needed employment to earn means to buy more food and clothing and that the city needed more people, and all could be accomplished by building factories to furnish the employment.

—Greensboro Telegram: The mystery surrounding the murder of Engineer J. A. Holt seems to be shrouded in inpenetrable darkness. The State, railroad officials and friends and relatives of the deceased are making every effort to apprehend the murderer and large rewards are expected to be offered by them. Three Pinkerton detectives are now at work on the case. Yesterday morning two special cars were put into commission to carry the remains and the 34 engineers, friends and relatives of the deceased to Goldsboro where the remains of the murdered engineer were laid to rest.

—Winston-Salem, Dec. 5.—The Winston board of aldermen has postponed determination of the question as to how whiskey for medical purposes shall be dispensed here after January 1st, and it cannot be stated with certainty what plan will be adopted eventually. The matter of issuing license to "near-beer" places also was postponed until the January meeting. Max Kobre, now a saloon keeper, who applied for a license, stated through his attorney, Mr. B. S. Womble, that Mr. Kobre was willing to pay $300 a year for the license and he urged that licensing "near-beer" places would keep down blind tigers.'

—Catawba County News: In 1908 the first library act was passed. There are now in North Carolina more than two thousand rural libraries. Each of these represents an outlay to begin with of thirty dollars; many of them represent an outlay of a great deal more than this as the State has supplemented many and good friends of the children in many instances have done so. What these 175,000 volumes scattered in every county in the State mean to our children only those can know who have been into the byways and backwoods of the State.

—Pender Chronicle: Mr. E. T. Pullen showed us a day or two ago two notes that brought to mind the days of 1864-'65. One is a note of the State of North Carolina for five dollars, issued January 1st, 1861 and signed by John Worth, treasurer, and W. T. Womble, Comptroller. This note was receivable in payment of all public dues. The other note was one issued by the Bank of Fayetteville, August 4, 1861, signed by W. G. Broadfoot, cashier, the president's name too indistinct to make out. The State note has a very good picture of the water front of Wilmington. The bank note is made payable to W. A. Rose or bearer. These notes were in the possession of Mr. Pullen's grand father, Mr. Emmett, of Onslow county.

Would Mortgage the Farm.

A farmer on Rural Route 2, Empire, Ga., W. A. Floyd by name, says: "Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured the two worst sores I ever saw: one on my hand and one on my leg. It is worth more than its weight in gold. I would not be without it if I had to mortgage the farm to get it." Only 25c. at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

THE Barry Shoe
FOR MEN WHO CARE TO DRESS WELL

The first thing a man demands in his shoes is that they fit well, and that they feel well.

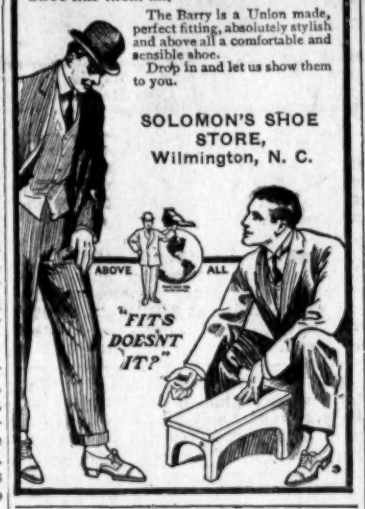
After that he wants a stylish appearance and durability.

Some shoes have one of these qualities and some another — the Barry Shoe has them all.

The Barry is a Union made, perfect fitting, absolutely stylish and above all a comfortable and sensible shoe.

Drop in and let us show them to you.

SOLOMON'S SHOE STORE,
Wilmington, N. C.



A ROMANCE IN TIN.

One Man's Fortune From the Price of a Pair of Shoes.

Some years ago a man who had started in business in Tasmania found that he could not meet his engagements and was compelled to call a meeting of his creditors.

Among his assets were a number of Mount Birschoff tin mine shares, which were regarded as worthless. It was the first tin mine discovered in Tasmania, and the output was not as heavy as the prospectus declared it would be.

The shares dropped in value, and when the debtor offered them to his creditors the latter refused to touch them.

Among the creditors was a poor shoemaker who had supplied the man with a pair of shoes. He offered to take the shares in payment of his debt. No one raised any objection, and he took the shares, saying, "They may turn out well some day."

Five years later, under proper management, the mine developed into a valuable property. It was a veritable mountain of tin, and the shares sprang up to an astonishing point.

Eventually the metal was "cornered" by a French syndicate, and, the shares reaching a fabulous price, the once indigent shoemaker sold out and realized a fortune.

The money was wisely invested, and now he is in the enjoyment of an income of several thousands a year derived from the payment for a pair of shoes valued at $3.—London Telegraph.

Why Naval Uniforms Are Blue.

Naval uniforms all the world over pretty well are navy blue. The British fashion in this matter has been the rule with maritime people in general. That blue was ever selected for the king's naval service was a fortuitous happening. When in 1747 the question of uniform was being considered the color selected had very like to have been French gray laced with silver. While the king was still not quite decided he saw the Duchess of Bedford in a riding habit of blue faced with white and enlivened with gold lace. It was a revelation. Here, the king declared, was the uniform for his sea service officers, and no more was heard of French gray. The navy took to blue, and every other navy has taken to it since.—Pall Mall Gazette.

A Reasonable Translation.

The teacher was telling the class in fourth grade geography about the great seals of the different states, using the pictures in the dictionary as the basis of the lesson. Pointing to the seal of Virginia, she asked:

"Now, who can tell me from this picture what should be the meaning of these Latin words: 'Sic semper tyrannis?'"

Bobby's hand went up.

"All right, Bobby; you may tell us."

"'Take your foot off my neck,'" was Bobby's reply.—Judge.

Tit For Tat.

The Japanese do not like to be called Japs. A noted diplomat was traveling from Tokyo to Yokohama when an American in the car leaned across and said, "Say, what 'ese' are you, Chinese or Japanese?"

Quick as a flash came in excellent English, "May I inquire what 'key' are you, Yankee or monkey?" — Philadelphia Ledger.

The Eastern Question.

"Paw, have you ever been east?"

"Yes. I spent a year in New York city when I was considerably younger than I am now."

"Well, what is the 'eastern question?'"

"The only one I ever heard was, 'How much is he worth?'"—Chicago Tribune.

Human Nature.

Take the case of the fellow in the next block. You have always considered him uppish. He has considered you uppish. One day you are introduced, and then each of you discovers the other to be a pretty good sort.—St. Paul Pioneer-Press.

There are enough serious things in life without considering yourself one of them.—Cynic's Calendar.

Report of the Condition of

The Atlantic Trust & Banking Co., at Wilmington, N. C., at the close of business Nov. 27, 1908.

RESOURCES:

Loans and discounts	$ 625,288.44
Overdrafts secured	25
Furniture and fixtures	100.00
All other real estate owned	1,000.00
Demand Loans	26,180.00
Due from Banks and Bankers	66,129.79
Cash Items	5.00
Gold Coin	230.00
Silver coin, including all minor coin currency	243.90
National bank notes and other U. S. notes	2,092.00
Total	$ 731,269.13

LIABILITIES:

Capital stock	$ 50,000.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	39,458.79
Dividends unpaid	20.00
Deposits subject to check	593,204.84
Demand Certificates of Deposit	44,075.50
Cashier's Checks outstanding	10.00
Accrued interest due depositors	4,500.00
Total	$ 731,269.13

State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover, ss:

I, Milton Calder, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

MILTON CALDER, Cashier.

Correct—Attest:
MATT J. HEYER,
B. O. STONE,
C. W. YATES,
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 2nd day of December, 1908.

W. B. DRAKE, JR. Notary Public.

My Commission expires August 17, 1910.

STATEMENT CONDITION THE MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK OF WILMINGTON, N. C.

At the close of business Nov. 27, 1908.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	$2,574,534 92	
N. C. State and other Bonds	188,004 25	
U. S. Bonds (at par	550,000 00	
Bank Buildings	55,000 00	
Cash	1,228,698 18	
	$4,596,237 35	

LIABILITIES.

Capital	$ 550,000 00
Surplus and Net Profits	298,134 69
Circulation	550,000 00
U. S. Bond Account	100,000 00
Deposits	3,098,102 66
	$4,596,237 35

H. C. McQUEEN, President.
J. V. GRAINGER, Vice President
J. W. YATES, Vice President.
C. S. GRAINGER, Cashier.

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Huyler's and Allegretti's Candies. Try our 25 cent and 35 cent Home Made Candies.
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A New and Complete Line of Groceries, partly:
500 bags Rice, all grades.
200 bbls large Mullets.
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18 MARKET STREET.
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and Consulting Engineer
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NEVER OUT! NEVER OVER!
5 Cents.
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REMOVAL
Ed. Guion, the Barber, has removed to 121 Market street, where he will be pleased to see all of his old customers and many new ones.
GUION, The Barber.

Read the Business Locals

Report of the Condition of

The Southern National Bank, at Wilmington, in the State of N. C., at the close of business, November 27th, 1908.

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts		$ 957,110.34
Overdrafts secured and unsecured		3,740.29
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		200,000.00
Other Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits		66,690.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds		4,550.35
Bonds, securities, etc.		49,885.00
Banking House, furniture and fixtures		5,000.00
Other real estate owned		None
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	$257,757.34	
Due from State Banks and Bankers	178,985.30	
Due from approved reserve agents	197,699.23	
Checks and other cash items	5,397.66	
Notes of other National Banks	6,900.00	
Fractional Paper currency, nickels and cents	1,398.23	648,137.76
Lawful money reserve in Bank, viz:		
Specie	$26,000.00	
Legal tender notes	40,000.00	66,000.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation		10,000.00
Due from U. S. Treasurer, other than 5 per cent. Redemption fund		3,874.00
Total		$ 2,014,987.74

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock paid in		$ 200,000.00
Surplus Fund		100,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid		33,032.35
National Bank notes outstanding		200,000.00
Due to other National Banks	$484,033.15	
Due to State Banks and Bankers	459,199.01	
Due to 13 Trust Companies and Savings Banks	68,657.99	
Individual deposits subject to check	413,918.91	
Certified checks	1,071.25	
Cashier's checks outstanding	5,075.08	
United States Deposits	50,000.00	1,481,955.39
Bonds borrowed		None
Notes and bills rediscounted		None
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed		None
Total		$ 2,014,987.74

State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover, ss:

I, C. N. Evans, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

C. N. EVANS, Cashier.

Correst—Attest:
MATT J. HEYER,
J. A. TAYLOR,
ISADORE BEAR,
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of Nov. 1908.

CHAS. S. GRAINGER, Notary Public.

WE HAVE
The Prettiest Assortment
of
BRASS GOODS
Consisting of
FIRE FENDERS
FIRE SETS
and
ANDIRONS
Ever shown in this city.
Also a nice assortment of
ANDIRONS IN BERLIN BLACK
Prices to suit everybody.
J.W. Murchison & Co
HARDWARE.
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Cuban Blossom
CIGARS!
WHY
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Because It is the Best Cigar for the Money.
H. L. VOLLERS
Wholesale Grocer.

Seaboard Air Line Railway.

Schedule effective September 13th, 1908. Subject to change without notice.

Direct and shortest line to the principal cities, South and Southwest, also connects at Hamlet with Vestibule Trains North.

Tickets for passage for all trains are sold by this Company and accepted by the passenger with the understanding that this Company will not be responsible for failure to run its trains on schedule time or for any such delays as may be incident to their operation. Care is exercised to give correct time of connecting lines but this Company is not responsible for errors or omissions.

TRAINS ARRIVE AT WILMINGTON AS FOLLOWS.

No. 44 at 12:35 A. M. from Charlotte, Hamlet and local stations.

No. 40 arrives 12:20 P. M. from Charlotte, connecting at Hamlet with No. 38 from Birmingham and Atlanta, No. 33 from Norfolk and Raleigh, and all points North and South.

TRAINS LEAVE WILMINGTON AS FOLLOWS.

	No. 45	No. 39.
Lv. Wilm't'n	4:45 A. M.	3:00 P. M.
Ar. Lumb't'n	7.21 A. M.	5:43 P. M.
Ar. Maxton	8:02 A. M.	6:35 P. M.
Ar. Hamlet	8:45 A. M.	7:30 P. M.
Lv. Hamlet	9:10 A. M.	8:25 P. M.
Ar. Monroe	10:50 A. M.	10:25 P. M.
Ar. Ch'lotte	11:35 A. M.	11:30 P. M.

No. 45 connects at Hamlet with No. 66 for Raleigh and Richmond and points North.

No. 39 connects at Hamlet with No. 41 for Atlanta, Birmingham and Charlotte, with No. 84 for Washington and New York, No. 32 for Portsmouth, Norfolk and No. 42 for Columbia, Savannah and Jacksonville.

For time-tables and any information apply to your nearest Ticket Agent or Call Phone No. 1294.

J. D. EDWARDS, Union Ticket Agent.
F. A. FETTER, Agent.
Phone 86, Wilmington, N. C.
C. H. Gattis, Traveling Passenger Agent. Raleigh, N. C.

Clyde Steamship Company,

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New York for Wilmington.
S. S. "Carib".....Friday, Dec. 11.
S. S. "Navahoe".....Friday, Dec. 18.
Wilmington to New York.
S. S. "Navahoe".....Saturday, Dec. 12.
S. S. "Carib".....Saturday, Dec. 19
Wilmington for Georgetown.
S. S. "Navahoe".....Monday, Dec. 7.
S. S. "Carib".....Monday, Dec. 14.

Both steamers have good passenger accommodations.

Through bills of lading and lowest through rates guaranteed to and from points in North and South Carolina.

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H. H. RAYMOND, V. P. & G. M.
290 Broadway, New York.
General Offices, Pier 36 N.R. Brch290
nov 22 tf

WINTER SCHEDULE
Steamer Wilmington.

On and after Sunday, September 13th, steamer will leave daily at 9:30 A. M. for Southport returning leaves Southport at 2:30 P. M.

Capt. J. W. HARPER.
sept 12 tf

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Gets all the dirt, all the time, every time.
The "Invincible" Renovator. The greater Proven efficiency of this machine over all devices and methods for renovating instantly commends its adoption where cost of labor, time and economy are a consideration. Carpets, rugs and draperies cleaned without wear or tear, give us a trial. Phone 870 and our representative will call to see you.
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Christmas Is Coming
and you will probably need a new SUIT, HAT or some GENTS FURNISHING. We have them in the latest styles and lowest prices. We don't ask you to buy but only ask you to call and see for yourself.
SUITS FROM.....$3.00 TO $25.00
HATS FROM.....$1.00 TO $5.00
Children's Clothing also. Suits made to measure. Fit Guaranteed.
HAMME
The Hatter and Clothier
24 NORTH FRONT STREET.
dec 6tf

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

In Effect, Saturday, October 10, 1908.

TO THE BEACH

FROM WILMINGTON.

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 3:00, 4:30:, 7:00, 8:30 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 7:00 8:30 P. M.

TO WRIGHTSVILLE FROM WILMINGTON.

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 3:00, 4:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON FROM WRIGHTSVILLE

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:20, 7:25, 7:55, 8:25, 9:25, 10:55 A. M., 12:25, 1:55, 3:55, 5:25, 7:25, 7:55, 9:25, 10:30, 11:30 I. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 9:55, 10:55 A. M., 12:25, 1:55, 3:25, 3:55, 4:25, 4:55, 5:25, 5:55, 6:55, 7:55, 9:25, 10:30, 11:30 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON FROM THE BEACH

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 7:15, 7:45, 9:15, 10:45 A. M., 12:15, 1:45, 3:45, 5:15, 7:45, 9:15 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 9:45, 10:45 A. M. 12:15, 1:45, 3:15, 3:45, 5:15, 5:45, 6:15, 6:45, 7:45, 9:15 P. M.

TO GOLF LINKS AND DELGADO FROM WILMINGTON

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, *2:25, 3:00, *3:45, 4:30 *5:05, 6:00, *6:05, 7:00, *7:05, 8:30, *9:05, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at *8:25, 8:30, *9:05, 10:00, 11:30 A. M. *12:05, 1:00, *1:25, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON FROM GOLF LINKS AND DELGADO

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:35, 7:40, 8:10, 8:40, 9:40, 11:10 A. M., 12:40, 2:10, *2:35, *3:55, 4:10, *5:15, 5:40, *6:15, 6:40, *7:15, 8:10, *9:15, 9:40, 10:45, 11:45 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at *8:35, *9:15, 10:10, 11:10 A. M., *12:15, 12:40, *1:35, 2:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:40, 5:10, 5:40, 6:10, 7:10, 8:1, 9:40, 10:45, 11:45 P. M.

*"Carolina" Car, all others shown in above schedule marked "Beach."

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NOTICE.

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NORTHBOUND.

	No. 43.	No. 41.
Lv. Wilmington	9:00 am	7:00 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	12:03 pm	9:55 pm
Ar Wilson	1:00 m	10:53 pm
Ar. Rocky Mount	1:35 pm	11:30 pm
Ar. Weldon	4:55 pm	2:36 pm
Ar Norfolk	5:55 pm	
Ar. Petersburg	7:00 pm	4:30 am
Ar. Richmond	8:00 pm	5:10 am
Ar. Washington	11:50 pm	8:40 am
Ar. Baltimore	1:41 am	10:00 am
Ar. Philadelphia	4:21 am	12:18 pm
Ar. New York	7:23 am	2:45 pm

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 42.	No. 44.
Lv New York	9:25 am	9:25 pm
Ar Philadelphia	11:37 am	12:15 am
Ar Baltimore	2:12 pm	3:51 am
Ar Washington	3:45 pm	4:20 am
Lv Norfolk		8:25 am
Lv Richmond	7:25 pm	8:15 am
Ar Petersburg	8:05 pm	9:03 am
Ar Weldon	9:59 pm	11:28 am
Ar Rocky Mount	11:03 pm	12:55 pm
Ar Wilson	11:47 pm	1:58 pm
Ar Goldsboro	6:15 am	3:00 pm
Ar. Wilmington	9:25 am	6:10 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Wil't'n	5:15 am	3:30 pm	7:00 pm
Ar. Flor.	9:05 am	7:20 pm	4:30 am
Ar Col'bia	12:25 pm	10:45 pm	
Ar. Ch'st'n	1:10 pm	11:15 pm	7:30 am
Ar. Sa'n	6:20 pm	2:10 am	9:54 am
Ar. Jk'ville		7 15 am	2:20 pm
Ar. Tampa		6:25 pm	12:15 am

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Tampa	8:55 pm	7:00 am
Lv. Jacksonville	8:55 am	7:45 pm
Ar. Savannah	1:05 pm	11:59 pm
Lv. Charleston	5:30 pm	5:20 am
Lv. Columbia	4:30 pm	6:00 am
Ar. Florence	7:15 pm	2:55 am
Ar. Wilmington	12:45 am	1:20 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

	Westbound. Daily.	Eastbound. Daily.
Lv. Wilmington	8:40 am	Ar 8:05 pm
Lv. Fayetteville	12:10 pm	Ar 4:45 pm
Ar. Sanford	1:40 pm	Lv 3:30 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEW BERN.

DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

	Northbound.	Southbound.
Lv. Wilmington	3:20 pm	1:00 pm
Ar. Newbern	7:00 pm	Lv. 9:25 am

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STAR OFFICE, Dec. 7.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE — Market, steady 38 1-2c.

ROSIN—Market steady $2.65.

TAR—Market, firm, $1.80.

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RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine 49
Rosin 93
Tar .. ..

THE CONGRESS IN SESSION

Chiefly a Memorial Day Because of Death of Former Members.

NO BUSINESS TRANSACTED

Usual Routine in the Senate—Official Notice of Death of Senator Allison—House Ways and Means Committee.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 7.—There was a pall of sadness over the United States Senate today when it convened for the second session the sixtieth Congress which was due to the absence of the late Senator William B. Allison, of Iowa, who died last August after a service of over 35 years in that body.

The assemblage was a brilliant one, 82 of the members being present, while the galleries were filled with representatives of the official and social life of the capital. Besides the wives and daughters of Senators who formed a large company in the private gallery. James Brice, the British Ambassador; Tong Shoa Yi, special envoy of the Chinese empire; Prince Tsai and others of his suite occupied seats in the reservation set aside for them. The proceedure in the new session was simple and dignified, following long established precedent. Vice President Fairbanks called the Senate to order and Rev. Edward Everett Hale opened the session with prayer. In resonant tones the venerable invoked the divine blessing upon the work of Congress.

Senators Aldrich, Gallinger and Teller, were appointed in pursuance of a resolution offered by Senator Hale to wait upon the President and inform him that Congress was ready to receive his annual message.

Senator Dillingham presented the credentials of his colleague, Senator-elect Carroll S. Page, of Vermont, and the oath of office was administered to him by the Vice President.

Senator Dolliver announced the death of the late Senator Addison, of Iowa and resolutions expressing the profound sorrow of the Senate over this bereavement were adopted. As a further mark of respect to his memory the Senate, after a session lasting but fifteen minutes, adjourned for the day.

Senator-elect Cummins, of Iowa, will take the oath of office tomorrow.

House of Representatives.

After being in session an hour, one half of which time was consumed by a roll call, the House of Representatives, which met at noon today for the second session of the Sixtieth Congress, adjourned out of respect to the memory of several of its own members and of Senator Allison, all of whom died during the recess. For an hour or more preceding the formal calling of the body to order the galleries were packed to their fullest capacity. Many hundreds sat in the aisles, while long lines patiently waited outside the gallery doors hoping to find an opportunity to get inside.

On the floor the members gathered in groups and, regardless of party affiliations, mingled with each other and extended hearty greetings. Speaker Cannon, Representative Sherman, of New York, the Vice President-elect, and Champ Clark, of Missouri, the successor of John Sharp Williams as minority leader, received ovations.

The most important action of the House was the passage by unanimous consent of a resolution authorizing the Committee on Ways and Means, in its tariff hearings, to subpoena witnesses and to call for books and papers.

A number of bills of public interest were introduced.

The roll call disclosed the presence of 331 members.

Seven roll call disclosed the presence of 331 members.

Seven new members were sworn in to fill vacancies that occurred by death or resignation since the last session.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Payne, of New York; McKinley, Illinois and Clark, Missouri, as a committee to join a similar committee of the Senate, to notify the President that the respective houses were in session and prepared to transact the public business.

After the disposition of some routine business, resolutions were adopted expressive of the regret of the House at the deaths of Representatives Dunwell, of New York; Powers, of Maine; Parker, of South Dakota; Wiley, of Alabama, and Senator Allison, of Iowa, and as a further mark of respect the House at 1:02 P. M., adjourned.

The Supreme Court of the United States yesterday in Washington decided in favor of the plaintiff in the case of Mrs. Eva A. Ingersoll, widow of the late Robert G. Ingersoll, against Joseph Coran and others, involving a claim of $100,000.

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THE NEW SOUTH HER RESOURCES

The Subject of Discussion in a National Congress.

MEETING IN WASHINGTON

Prominent Business and Commercial Men of This Section in Session. The South's Development and Resources.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 7.—With prophesies of an almost unparalleled economical and commercial advancement near at hand for the South, the initial movement for a still greater development of the natural resources of that section of the country formally was inaugurated at the first meeting here today of the Southern Commercial Congress. The vast possibilities that yet await development were referred to in glowing terms by the various speakers. The South was pictured as a land where nature had been lavish with her gifts which thus far hardly had been touched. The prediction was made that a great awakening would soon come over the entire section.

Some of the reasons advanced by the speakers as to why the South has not made greater progress in the development of its almost unbounded natural resources were that that section had suffered to a marked degree because of the lack of adequate transportation facilities. A factor which had presented better railroad transportation facilities, it was pointed out, had been the alleged hostility of some of the legislatures of the Southern States to the railroads. But a changed sentiment had come over the legislators, it was stated, and the railroads were planning for increased facilities. With this important factor of alleged hostility eliminated, with improver waterways and harbors, nothing stood in the way of greater progress in the South.

The opening session was marked by the presence and participation in the proceedings of two members of the Cabinet—General Luke E. Wright, Secretary of War, and Oscar S. Straus, Secretary of the Department of Commerce and Labor—who were the notable speakers of the day.

Indicating by their presence their interest in the movement for a "greater South," Southern Senators and Representatives were participants in the meeting. Governor Hoke Smith headed the Georgia delegation.

Several hundred delegates, among whom are the leading business men of the South, were in attendance today and it is said that many more will arrive tomorrow.

The question of the so-called sectionalism of the South was a feature of the day's proceedings. It was referred to first by Secretary Straus, who declared in his address:

"We are at the crest of a great commercial era and the South economically and commercially has come out from its sectionalism and it is a part—an independent part and a growing part—of the whole country." The Secretary said he believed that the time is near at hand when even politically it will be a misnomer of the "Solid South." His remarks furnished the cue for the speakers who followed, who made especial reference to the fact that sectionalism practically had disappeared and that the only commercial rivalry that now survived was for commercial supremacy.

At the morning session the principal addresses were made by Secretary of War Luke E. Wright and Surgeon General Walter Wyman, of the Public Health and Marine Hospital Service.

Added interest to the afternoon proceedings was lent by the presence of John M. Parker, of New Orleans, the noted huntsman and an intimate friend of President Roosevelt. The leading speakers at this session were John A. Fox, of Arkansas, and John F. Wallace, of New York.

Other speakers were J. F. Kane, of Savannah, Ga.; Charles P. Goodyear; Representative Richmond P. Hobson, of Alabama, and Duncan U. Fletcher, of Florida, each of whom dwelt upon the wide possibilities in the South which the people have only begun to realize. What the South needs now, these speakers said, was to be brought to an industrial understanding with other nations.

JURORS ARE ILL.

Selecting of New Ones May Require Re-Hearing of Testimony.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 7.—Because of the illness of two members of the night rider grand jury, requiring the naming of others to replace them, all the testimony on which the former indictments were based, may have to be repeated before new indictments are returned. Attorney General Caldwell and the attorneys for the State were in conference until late tonight, considering where it would be legal merely to read to the present grand jury the stenographic notes of the testimony upon which the recent grand jury based its indictments.

With the exception of two men, the personnel of the juries is identical.

Where Bullets Flew.

David Parker, of Fayette, N. Y., a veteran of the civil war, who lost a foot at Gettysburg, says: "The good Electric Bitters have done is worth more than five hundred dollars to me. I spent much money doctoring for a bad case of stomach trouble, to little purpose. I then tried Electric Bitters, and they cured me. I now take them as a tonic, and they keep me strong and well." 50c at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

TAFT ENTHUSES THE CAROLINIANS

Tar Heel Society in New York Gave Brilliant Reception Last Night.

TRIBUTE TO THE SOUTH

Banquet Hall of Hotel Astor Decorated in Long Leaf Pine—President-Elect Made Stirring Address on Problems.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 7.—President-elect William H. Taft, who came to New York today to address the North Carolina Society of this city, was given a tumultuous reception tonight by the members of the organization and by prominent men from all parts of the South at the annual dinner of the North Carolinians at the Hotel Astor. Five hundred members and guests of the society filled the brilliantly decorated banquet hall, which was redolent of the pines of the Tar Heel State, the cones and branches of the resinous trees forming the background for more fragrant blooms which were scattered everywhere over snowy linens and flag-draped walls. Intertwined ensigns of the State and Nation were conspicuous in the decorations of the banquet hall and larged flags were displayed in front of the hotel throughout the day and evening.

Mr. Taft in the course of an address which was confined entirely to the South and its problems, urged again that the voters of that section should break away from the outlived sentiment and traditions of their past political affiliations and cast their ballots in accordance rather with their economic and real political beliefs. Mr. Taft declared nothing would give him greater pride during his coming term in the chief executive office than to so direct the policy of the National Government with respect to the Southern States as to convince the intelligent citizens of the South of the desire of his administration to aid them in working out satisfactorily the serious problems before them and of bringing them and their northern fellow citizens closer and closer in sympathy and point of view.

At the conclusion of practically every one of his pointed sentences Mr. Taft was interrupted by applause and cheering. He frankly expressed himself regarding the so-called "negro question" and declared that neither he nor the Republican party had any idea of forcing upon the people of the South the dominance of any ignorant class.

Mr. Taft declared that the North yearns for a closer association with the South and quoted statistics to show that the industries of the South had grown and prospered more during the past decade than any other section of the country. As to the negro, Mr. Taft said he should neither ask nor receive more than an equal chance to qualify himself for the franchise.

Other speakers at the banquet were President W. W. Finley, of the Southern Railway, J. Y. Joyner, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, of North Carolina; Hugh MacRae, of Wilmington, N. C.; Dr. Joseph H. Dillard, of New Orleans, and Junius W. Parker, of New York. Among the more prominent guests were Clark Howell, of Atlanta, Ga.; Henry W. Taft, brother of the President-elect; President Nicholas Murray Butler, of Columbia University; Consul General Midsumo, of Japan; Dr. H. B. Frissell, of Hampton Institute; Dr. John A. Wyeth, president of the Southern Society; Major Edward Owen, of the Confederate Veterans Society; Thomas J. McGuire, president of the Georgia Society; John G. Carlisle, president of the Kentuckians; Rev. J. Nevitt Steel, president of the Maryland Society; John S. Crosby, president of the Missouri Society; Augustus VanWyck, president of the South Carolina Society; Bruce L. Rice, president of the Tennessee Society, and Dr. Geo. Tucker Harrison, Governor of the Virginians.

Mr. Taft spoke last and when he arose to respond as the guest of honor of the evening the diners stood and cheered for several minutes. Mr. Taft reached the city at 1 o'clock today from Hot Springs, Va. He spent the afternoon at the home of his brother, Henry W. Taft, and while there was in consultation with a number of friends and political callers.

Supt. Joyner's Address.

Superintendent of Schools Joyner declared in his address that North Carolina was the first Southern State to give serious attention to the problem of providing a system of public schools for the education of all her children. "To her beloved children that have wandered away from the old home," he said, "North Carolina sends through me tonight loving greetings and a message of hope. Her clean-blooded Anglo-Saxon children are her richest heritage and her greatest resource."

Wilmington Man Speaks.

Mr. MacRae in his adderss on immigration declared that he felt sure the race problem in the South would either be solved by immigration or so greatly minimized that its solution will not be a matter of supreme importance.

Walter Page, president of the North Carolina Society, acted as toastmaster and introduced the various speakers.

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PROFITS OF OIL TRUST

Archbold on Stand for Brief Examination and the President of the Standard Co., of California, Testifies at Length.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 7.—Figures showing some of the profits of the Standard Oil Co., became part of the court record in the Federal suit to dissolve the Standard today when John D. Archbold resumed the stand for a brief examination and Henry Tilford, president of the Standard Oil Co., of California, testified at some length as a witness for the defense.

The government inquisitor on figures submitted showed that Continental Oil Co., a Standard subsidiary in the middle West, made profits of 115 per cent., on its capitalization of $300,000 and that the Standard Oil Co., of Indiana, on a capitalization of $1,000,000 earned about $55,000 between 1899 and 1906.

Through Mr. Tilford the counsel for the government sought to bring out that in California and other States of the far West the Standard had made contracts with its competitors whereby the Standard obtained all the crude oil supply and thereby had the refining field to itself. Mr. Tilford said he had little knowledge of these contracts. Referring to oil trade rate cutting wars in Colorado and in the far west, Mr. Tilford said the Standard never cut prices to undersell its competitors but simply lowered rates to meet reductions of its rivals.

Mr. Tilford's examination will likely be concluded tomorrow and either William Rockefeller or Frank S. Moffatt, president of the Standard Oil Co., of Indiana, will be called to testify.

SIMON IS FOREMOST

Gen. Fouchard Withdraws Candidacy For President Haitiens.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Port au Prince, Dec. 7.—The political situation is clearing, at least in certain directions. During the recent interview here between General Simon, the leader of the revolutionary movement, that resulted in the flight of Nord Alexis from the Capital and General Fouchard and aspirant to the Presidency, who arrived yesterday at the head of a band of followers, the latter said that in view of the fact that "God had blessed the arms of General Simon" he withdrew his candidacy in order that the possibility of civil war be averted. The proclamation of General Simon as President of the republic was then decided upon.

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